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GREAT "PROOFS" OF EVOLUTION

For many years evolution has taught that animals and man have organs (parts) which no longer have a job and are now useless. These "useless" parts have been named vestigial organs. Supposedly, according to evolution, these organs once had a purpose or a job, but as animals evolved, these parts were no longer needed and became useless (or vestiges). At one time evolutionists claimed that there were over 180 vestigial organs in man. The appendix, the tonsils, the pituitary gland, the thymus gland, and the coccyx (tailbone) were just a few of the parts once thought to be useless. Today we know that all of these parts have very important purposes. For example the appendix and the tonsils have been found to be disease-fighting organs. The 180 vestigial organs that were used to "prove" evolution were not useless after all. Scientist just did not know their uses at the time.

Another so-called "proof" of evolution is called "embryonic recapitulation." According to evolution, the human embryo (the baby in the first stages of life before being born) goes through a series of evolutionary stages during the first few months that it develops in the womb. The story goes that the human embryo starts out as a single cell, then supposedly looks like a fish, then a tadpole, then a reptile, then an ape, and, at last becomes human. This idea was made popular in 1866 by a German medical professor Ernst Haeckel, and was given the fancy name "ontogeny recapitulates phylogeny." If you can say that, then you have to be smart, right? This simply means that "as a person is developing he replays his family history." Haeckel's evidence for this "embryonic recapitulation" were some drawings that he made of embryos. He **changed** drawings that other scientists had made of man, fish, salamander, turtle,

chicken, pig, cow, and rabbit to look very similar, and he hid the differences. His drawings were **fakes** made to try to "prove" evolution. Many evolution scientists today know that the idea of "recapitulation" is false, but yet this idea is still found in school books and encyclopedias!

The three examples used the most today to teach children "embryonic recapitulation" are "gill slits," a "yolk sac," and a "tail" in the human embryo. These structures are taught to have come to us from our fish, reptile, and ape-like ancestors!

Fish breathe with gills, which are slitted. In the human embryo there are no slits in the neck or anywhere else. Folds appear in the neck which have nothing to do with breathing at all. These folds are called pharyngeal pouches and they develop into the middle ear canal, the parathyroid glands (regulates calcium in the blood), and thymus (important for the immune system).

The so-called "yolk sac" is very important in forming blood before bone marrow is formed. Later the sac is discarded.

Do we have a tail? No, the so-called tail is actually the coccyx. It is not a vestigial organ left over from the monkeys at all. The coccyx is where the muscles attach to allow us to stand upright. It also helps to protect the spine while we sit.

As can be seen, these "proofs" of evolution are not proofs at all. "Facts" of evolution are continually being shown to be wrong. What we find are systems that didn't happen by chance or accident, but that are marvelously designed, which of course, calls for a designer. **God is that designer!**



HUMAN EMBRYO

And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know. I Corinthians 2:8

WORD SEARCH

Look for the words hidden in the puzzle below from words in the word list. The hidden words might be up and down, sideways, or slanted (not backwards). All word are from "Great 'Proofs' of Evolution".



WORD LIST

USELESS	VESTIGIAL	ORGAN
APPENDIX	TONSILS	PITUITARY
GLAND	THYMUS	COCCYX
EMBRYONIC	RECAPITULATION	CELL
FISH	TADPOLE	REPTILE
APE	HUMAN	ONTOGENY
PHYLOGENY	SALAMANDER	TURTLE
CHICKEN	PIG	COW
RABBIT	GILLSLIT	YOLKSAC
TAIL	PARATHYROID	DESIGNER

ASK EUGENE

Dear Eugene: It was nice meeting you at Camp Redcloud. I want to come next year too. That was fun!Why do developing human babies look like they have gills if we did not evolve from fish? And why do developing human babies look so much like developing monkey babies if we did not evolve from monkeys? Love Ariane Giles, Largo Florida

Dear Ariane: Hello again! Wow, this is the third time I have used your letters in Kid's Think and Believe. You ask some great questions! What is really great is that as we prayed about what to write about for this issue, we felt led to write about gill slits, tails and everything else.

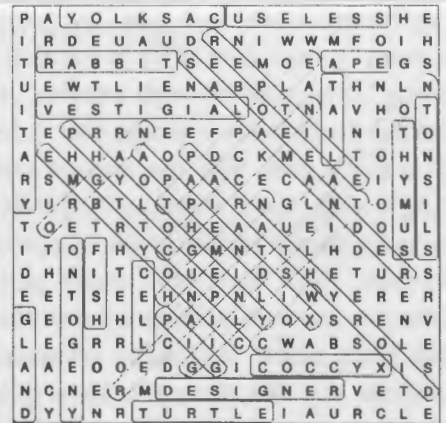
We had already researched and started the article when your letter arrived! Wow, talk about God being in control! I hope the article answered your questions. It was really neat seeing you at camp. We did have a good time, didn't we. And learned a lot too! Here's a song just for you. Love ya, Eugene.

JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN
ALL THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD
THOUGH IN FLORIDA YOU MAY GET DAMP
WE HOPE TO SEE ARIANE AT OUR CAMP
JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN OF THE
WORLD

As Christmas once again draws near and we get caught up with the spirit of giving, remember the reason for the season, Jesus Christ. Unto us a child is born, and this child was God's only Son, which God allowed to die for our sins. As you open gifts this holiday, remember that Jesus is the greatest gift ever offered, and the greatest gift that can ever be received. Thank You Jesus! May you all have a wonderful Christmas! Happy Birthday Jesus! Love Ya, Eugene.

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