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“But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; . . .” (Job 12:7 KJV)

SUPER COOLED

Can you guess who I am (no fair looking at the pictures first!)? I kind of look like a deer but instead of antlers I have horns. My kind have s-shaped ringed horns which are about 18-32 inches (mine are actually 30 inches long). Our females have horns a little bit smaller. I am fawn-colored with a white rump and a dark streak running along my sides. I am about 5 to 6 feet tall and can weigh up to 150 lbs. I live in the treeless savannas of East Africa? Have you guessed?

My friends call me Gaz. I am a Grant's Gazelle. Gazelles are slender antelopes. You would probably say that we were dainty and graceful. There are 10 species of true gazelle, in Asia and northern and eastern Africa. As a Grant's, I am one of the largest.

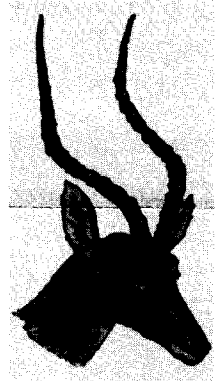
I live in semi-deserts and open plains. I am what your scientists would call a herbivore (plant eater). It is usually hot and dry where I live and our Creator made us special to live in these conditions. Gazelles can eat grass when it is available, but in dry country we browse low-growing bushes and shrubs. I can go without drinking for long time. At night there is a special shrub that soaks up water from the air and so by eating at night I am able to get all the water I need by eating the shrub.

Another way gazelles are able to stay cool is because God gave us a dual purpose coat. I have two-tone coloration that acts as counter shading to camouflage the body outline. The black along my flank helps breaks up my body outline as well. My shiny coat also reflects heat very well.

To really keep a cool head though, God gave me a wonderful design. Just like the radiator that cools the engine of your car, I have a built in radiator system that cools the blood going to my brain. This

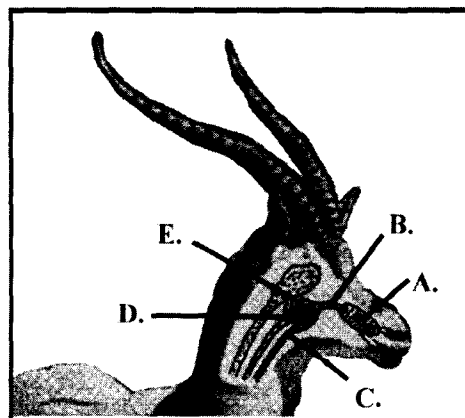
is very important when I am running away from predators. If my brain gets too hot, to protect itself, it tells the body to stop what it is doing. Now you can see that if you have a lion on your tail trying to eat you, it is not a good time to rest. But God's wonderful design allows us to keep on going. And it really works! Some of your scientists tested one of my smaller cousins. They had him run at 25 miles an hour for 5 minutes. His body temperature went from 82° F to 93° F, yet his brain stayed below 86° F!

I am built to run. We have very long legs and hooves which help us run fast. In fact I understand that I am the 4th fastest land animal in the world. They have clocked me at 47 MPH! I still have to watch out though, because a Cheetah can make it to 65 MPH. My large ears can rotate to pick up sound from many directions. Eyes on the side of my head give a wide field of vision. When in danger and in the open, I can out-run most predators. Although I am built for running, I will sometimes only run for 200-300 yards (that is about 2 to 3 football fields long), then stop and look back at my enemies. Usually by then I have out-distanced them. Then I might run about, bouncing stiff-legged (what your scientists call “pronking”). This pronking seems to confuse my enemies. Sometimes I prong just out of nervous excitement. You would too if you were just chased by a hungry lion!



My biggest danger lies in the tall grass where lions, cheetahs,

leopards, and cape hunting dogs can ambush me. Another dangerous place for ambush is the water hole. We approach water holes very carefully! The main herd (of about 30) will stop about 200 yards from the water, then a few young, brave



A. Evaporation B. Cool Blood going to heart C. Warm Blood from Heart D. Radiator E. Cooled Blood from Heart

bucks will dart up to the water's edge, quickly look round, then dash back to the herd. They will do this two or three times, before the herd, satisfied that there is no danger, comes down to drink. Even then we are mighty cautious. You never know when a crocodile might lunge out of the water at you!

I think you must admit that my special design and instinct demands a Creator! No one would say that the radiator on your car just happened by chance and accident. So why would anyone think that my radiator (a lot more complicated than the car's) could have happened without a Designer. Let me teach thee...that Creator was God!

Word Puzzles

These are puzzles which contain a familiar word or phrase in a sort of code. Your assignment is to crack the code in each puzzle. To do that, you'll have to look carefully at the arrangement, size, and position of each group of mixed-up letters, words, and symbols. To solve the puzzles, you must read them exactly as you see them. Here is an example:

Work time Notice that the word "work" is over the word "time." The answer to this simple puzzle is "work overtime."

A. lofallv e	B. The ccccccc	C. pant pant
D. Dog the	E. somedroptime	F. KILLER
G. moo n 2	H. pod pod pod	

ASK EUGENE



Howdy, Eugene:

I'm a parent, and an avid reader of the Think and Believe papers. In the last issue, Amanda asked about Continental Drift. I just wanted to point you to a little verse in Genesis 10:25 (KJV). "And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of one was Peleg; for in his days was the earth divided; and his brother's name was Joktan." This suggests to me that God somehow caused Continental Shift..... I believe God caused the separation of the continents, and that Genesis 10:25 supports that. Don't

you just hope God got these big events on video? I'd sure like to see the tape when we get to heaven. Wide screen, of course....Keep up the good work, "Eugene." We're saving all your issues until our kids are old enough to appreciate them. God bless you--- Sharon (e-mail)

Note: Because of the long length of Sharon's e-mail I had to shorten it to fit this newsletter. I also received a letter from Nick Hately of Bayfield, CO asking about the same question Sharon asked....Eugene

Howdy Sharon and Nick:

Thanks for your letters about Gen. 10:25. According to Dr. Henry Morris, the name Peleg means "division." Possibly his father Eber named him that after the upheaval that happened at Babel before Peleg was born. In Gen. 10:5, 32 a division took place "after his tongue." Though many do believe that this division could also be referring to continental drift, Morris feels that it probably is referring to a division into families, countries and languages. The Hebrew word "earth" can also be translated as people or nations. If the continents did split from one massive continent, it probably happened during the flood. A split during the time of Babel would have caused catastrophic destruction from continents rapidly moving apart. This catastrophe would have been devastating, yet the Bible doesn't mention a catastrophe of that time other than the flood. Also, we must remember that the continental drift theory is just that, a theory or idea. It has by no means been proven. The Bible says that when God confused the languages, He scattered them abroad. The word doesn't really say how He did it. So, the answer? Maybe we will have to wait to get to heaven for the video to know for sure! Love Ya...Eugene

Answers

A. fall in love B. The seven seas C. Pair of pants
D. The under dog E. Drop in sometime F. Giant
G. Half moon H. Tripod

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