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Christ, the Creator

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Bethlehem, almost 2000 years ago — A baby is born in a stable and laid in a manger. Angels sing at His birth and kings journey from distant lands to worship Him. Now, almost 2000 years later, we still celebrate His birth. Just Who is this baby called Jesus, and what's all the fuss about?

The Christmas story is familiar to most of us, but other Scripture passages clarify Who He is and why His birth is so important. Yes, He was born in a humble setting, but the Bible tells us, "In the beginning was the Word (Jesus), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being by Him; and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. . . . And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:1-3, 14)

Yes, Jesus Christ is the Creator of the universe. Colossians 1:16,17 tells us: "For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things have been created by Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together."

The baby in the manger is really God, the Creator. What an awesome concept, that the all-powerful Creator "emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." (Philippians 2:7,8).

This is truly the good news of the gospel and the reason for celebrating Christmas: that the almighty Creator loved us so much that He was willing to humble Himself, to be born of a woman and to put Himself into the hands of sinful men, in order to pay the price of our sin and restore us to fellowship with Himself. "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name" (John 1:11,12). Have *you* received Him? Have you bowed in worship before this humble babe, the all powerful Creator and Lord of the universe? If not, do it today, and experience the joy and privilege of becoming an adopted child of God.



Wise men still seek Him.

NOTES & QUOTES

■ What we accept or reject as scientific evidence is not always the result of objective considerations but is often dictated by our preconceived ideas and philosophical biases. It is usually the *interpretation* of the facts, and not the facts alone that mold our viewpoints:

- The case of the disappearing dinosaurs is a fascinating demonstration that science is not based on facts alone. The interpretation of the facts is **even more important**. (Robert Jastrow, *Omega Science Digest*, March/April 1984)
- I know that at least in paleoanthropology, data are still so sparse that theory heavily influences interpretations. Theories have, in the past, clearly reflected our current ideologies instead of the data. (David Pilbeam, *Human Nature*, June, 1978, p. 45)
- . . . 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. (David Pilbeam, *American Scientist*, 1978, Vol. 66, pp. 378-9)
- We are presented with a theory which on the one hand seems to be impossible because it is inconsistent with the observed facts and on the other hand appears to be the best explanation of how organized beings have been developed in the epochs previous to ours. (J. F. Pictet, 1860, as quoted in *Evolution: a Theory in Crisis* by Michael Denton, 1985, p. 104)
- Before 1859 it was fashionable and intellectually respectable to view the organic world as a discontinuous system — the result of successive creative interventions in the history of the world. After 1859 it became intellectually respectable to view life as the natural product of purely natural processes operating over long periods of time. Changing one's interpretation of the world is not, however, the same as establishing a new fact. The facts were the same in 1850 as they were in 1870, only the perception of them had changed . . . the plausibility of any theory or world view is largely dependent upon the social support it receives rather than its empirical content or rational consistency. (Michael Denton, *Evolution: a Theory in Crisis*, 1985, pp. 74-5)

- In fact, evolution became in a sense a scientific religion; almost all scientists have accepted it and many are prepared to "bend" their observations to fit in with it. (H.S. Lipson, 'A Physicist Looks at Evolution,' *Physics Bulletin*, Vol. 31, 1980)

■ Even when facts are discovered that *conflict* with the theory of evolution, there is a strong possibility that the public will never hear of them:

- Biologists are simply naive when they talk about experiments designed to test the theory of evolution. It is not testable. They may happen to stumble across facts which would seem to conflict with its predictions. These facts will invariably be ignored and their discoverers will undoubtedly be deprived of continuing research grants. (1980 Assembly Week address: Professor Whitten, Professor of Genetics, University of Melbourne as quoted in *The Quote Book*)

■ Occasionally, one from the ranks begins to see the fallacies. Dr. Colin Patterson, the senior Paleontologist of the British Museum of Natural History, in the Keynote Address at the American Museum of Natural History, New York City, Nov. 5, 1981, said:

- One morning I woke up and something had happened in the night. . . . It struck me that I had been working on this stuff (evolution) for twenty years and there was not one thing I knew about it. That's quite a shock to learn that one can be misled so long. Either there was something wrong with me, or there was something wrong with evolutionary theory Then I woke up and realized that all my life I had been duped into taking evolution as a revealed truth in some way.

■ Hopefully, many more like him will "wake up" and see evolutionary "science" as it is — a philosophy with facts contrary to the theory carefully screened out by preconceived ideas and biases. Hopefully they will go on to seek true wisdom and knowledge.

- The world through its wisdom did not come to know God. . . . For the wisdom of this world is foolishness before God. . . . The Lord knows the reasonings of the wise, that they are useless. (1 Cor. 1:21; 2:19,20)
- In (Christ) are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (Col. 2:3)

The Great Piltdown Hoax

In a deliberate trick on the scientific establishment, the skull cap of a modern man and the jaw of an ape were put together as bait for paleoanthropologists. The teeth were filed and the bones colored to give an authentic look. As hoped, the bait was taken. It soon achieved great notoriety since it was a find that many evolutionists had hoped would appear. Amid voices of dissension among much of the scientific community, the tide of opinion placed the "find" as a bonafide ape-man missing link. It was called Piltdown Man. Soon the dissenting voices were silenced as it became increasingly difficult to buck the tide of popular opinion and to face the ridicule of peers and the press. For over 50 years, this fraud stood as proof of human evolution in schools, textbooks, encyclopedias, and museums before it was finally exposed.

The great Piltdown hoax is a prime example of how bias often dictates how we can mistreat and even dismiss pertinent data. When the Piltdown hoax was discovered, several instances of applying preconceived ideas to the facts were illuminated:

- File marks on the teeth were highly visible and were actually pointed out by a dental anatomist but were ignored by the "experts."
- "Brain" capacity measurements ranged from 1070 to 1500 cubic centimeters depending upon the evaluator's bias. Addition of a single tooth which should not have altered measurements at all affected a 30% change.
- Objections to the authenticity of the find by several prominent scientists went largely unpublished and were basically ignored.

Do you notice the tremendous parallel between that and the evolution vs. creation issue of today? Evolutionary preconceptions are still being sold to the public as "facts" even though many very prominent scientists speak out against it. Creationist objections are largely ignored since most of the media is biased in favor of and presents evolution strictly as fact. Consequently, much of the public defends evolution since it believes it to be a proven fact. Let us pray that just as the Piltdown hoax was finally discovered, the even greater evolutionary hoax will soon be exposed.

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Those Problem Fossils

An article entitled "Ancient 'Dubiofossils' of Wyoming" (*Science News*, Nov. 27, 1976) very clearly expresses the current evolutionary bias and its influence on scientific inquiry. According to evolutionary theory, life changed from a simple to a complex state over billions of years. Accordingly, extremely old fossils (dated by "accepted" methods) should be very simple. If life is found to be complex at extreme ages, then something is wrong with the theory.

The Wyoming find consists of a series of tubelike structures similar to those that worms would make. Usually when these are found, there is no question as to their identification. These fossils evidently look, "smell", and "taste" like worm burrows. There is a major problem, however, since they happen to be in the "wrong" geologic formation. They are about a billion (evolutionary) years too old! Therefore something is wrong! The article reports:

Kauffman reports no fewer than seven lines of evidence for biological origin [of these tubelike structures]. . . . Nevertheless, Kauffman says he believes the "odds are overwhelming" against their being biological. If they are organic, he says, "they present a considerable enigma." They are a billion years too old (if all other evidence is a guide) and they are too diverse and too abundant. He calls them dubiofossils. . . . As he put it in concluding his presentation: "They are the right shapes in the right place at the wrong time." (page 346)

If the same discovery had been made in a more recent formation, there would have been absolutely no doubt that they were worm burrows. If these structures are indeed valid, then a major assumption of evolution is in great trouble. Rather than abandon the assumption, good evidence is ready to be thrown out. Wow! This evolutionary bias has a tight hold on our scientists! It is reasonable to wonder just how many very intriguing discoveries which have a direct bearing on the creation-evolution question, have been excluded from consideration merely because they are not in keeping with "traditionally accepted viewpoints."

**Merry
Christmas**

Public Schools Hear Creation Message

Recent invitations from public school students and instructors have given us the opportunity to present a creationist alternative in 2 high schools. At one school over 300 students and 5 instructors were involved. Mary Jo discussed the predictions made by the evolution and creation models and compared their explanations of a variety of biological data. She encouraged students to think about the inadequacies of evolution and the strong evidence of creation. Dave showed the role of the artist in fossil reconstruction and challenged students to begin asking important questions concerning the evidence. The response was excellent and discussion is still continuing.

Dave also had the opportunity to debate at another public high school. Ironically, his opponent was a minister, not a scientist. While Dave presented scientific evidence that favors the creation model and showed the weak points of evolution, his opponent merely stated his opinions and liberal interpretation of the Bible. We hope the students got the message that creation is indeed a viable scientific alternative they need to consider.

Including the above, we have given 23 presentations and 3 weekend seminars since our last issue. Mary Jo has also had the opportunity to provide a special 4 week "hands-on" science unit for a local Christian school. Keep praying for us and for those who hear the message.

California Trip Planned

We are planning to be in San Diego in January for some research and have tentatively scheduled speaking engagements in the Los Angeles and San Diego areas. If you would like to have a presentation for your church, school, or other group, call us as soon as possible. If you wish to inform friends and relatives of times and places, write to us and we will supply an itinerary.

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Would you like additional information about any one of the condensed articles or on another subject that we haven't even touched upon as yet? Write to us and we will gladly send you some.

Second Annual Creation Family Camp

Too early to plan your summer vacation? Not really! The families that attended last year's Creation Family Camp decided it should be an annual event, so mark your calendars and start saving your pennies. It will be held August 23-29 at rustic Camp Redcloud in the beautiful mountain country near Lake City, Colorado. Where else can you get a family vacation for 4 including food, lodging, a full creationism seminar, horseback riding, fishing, mountain biking, rock climbing, rappelling, jeeping, canoeing and relaxing in Colorado for less than \$300? See the enclosed brochure.

Personal Note

Ever since we announced the decision to be available full time for this ministry, we have had many confirmations that this is exactly what we should be doing. Thanks for your letters of encouragement, pledges of regular support, and special gifts. Our support level is growing, but we have a long way to go. Would you prayerfully consider including us in your regular giving and also consider sending a special year-end tax-deductible donation? We'd certainly appreciate your participation in this work.



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of Christ rule your
hearts this season*

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