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MEMORY VERSE

For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and God-head; so that they are without excuse:

Romans 1: 20 (KJV)

HOW DO WE KNOW ?

Ron hurried down the alley. He had told Alan to meet him by the gas station at eight o'clock to go fishing and he did not want to be late. Ron had only met Alan a few months ago. Both went to Sunday School at the same church, and were in the same class in public school. As Ron trotted along, he realized what a good friend Alan had become and hoped that Alan would come to know Jesus soon.

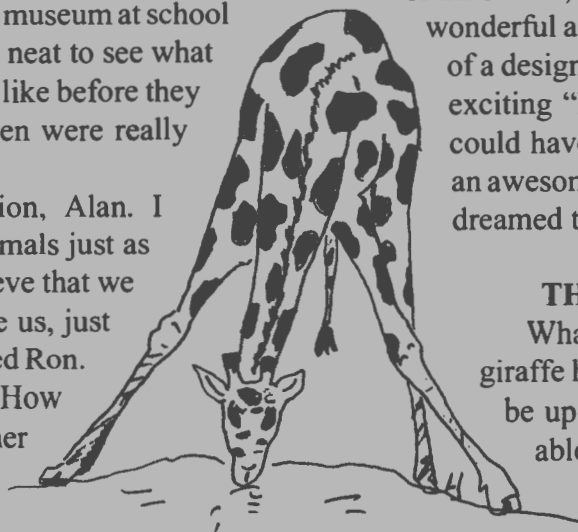
"Hey, Ron," Alan shouted as Ron rounded the corner, "you got the worms?"

"You bet! I have them right here," said Ron.

As the boys walked towards the lake, Alan asked, "Boy, wasn't that field trip to the museum at school yesterday awesome? It was sure neat to see what a bunch of those animals looked like before they changed. Some of those cavemen were really ugly!"

"I don't believe in evolution, Alan. I believe God made all those animals just as they were. And I sure don't believe that we came from monkeys! God made us, just like it says in the Bible," answered Ron.

"I don't know," said Alan. "How can we ever know for sure whether or not God made the world? And if God didn't make the



world, then maybe the Bible is wrong too. At school, George said that Jesus wasn't anybody special, and the Bible was just a bunch of stories. How do we know, Ron?"

Ron quietly prayed to God to give him an answer to Alan's question. As they came to the wet, sandy beach of the lake, Alan

exclaimed, "Look, somebody got to the lake before us!"

"How do you know that, Alan?"

"Don't be dumb, Ron. Look, here are somebody's footprints," Alan pointed, "so somebody must have been here to make the footprints! "

"You don't think they just happened by chance then," asked Ron?

"No way! Somebody made them!"

"Look around us, Alan. The sunshine, the trees, the flowers, the water, and all those fish we hope to catch; there's no way any of that could have happened just by chance. It had to have been made by someone! All this stuff around us, including you and me are 'God's footprints,' telling us He has been here," Ron replied.

"I never thought of it that way," Alan said as the boys sat down to fish. "Say, could you tell me a little more about Jesus?"

Krazy Kritters of Kreation

The Bible tells us in Romans 1:20 that when we look around at the things that are made (like the animals), and see *how* they are made, that we have to know that God did it! We have to know that these things didn't just happen by chance and accident! Under **Krazy Kritters of Kreation**, we'll tell you about some of these wonderful animals that we think show the hand of a designer, the hand of God! We hope these exciting "kритters" will show that they never could have just been a mistake, but that only an awesome God such as ours could ever have dreamed them up and *created them too!*

THE GRACEFUL GIRAFFE

What long legs and a long neck the giraffe has. An adult male (boy) giraffe can be up to 20 feet tall -- tall enough to be able to look over the top of your house.

The giraffe uses those long legs and

neck to eat food out of the tops of trees and to see his enemies from afar. But having those long legs and neck has its problems too.

Think of how far the giraffe's heart is away from his head. Take one of your hands and place it over your heart. Now take your other hand and place it on top of your head. Your heart is a pump that pumps blood to all parts of your body, especially to the brain that is in your head. Look at how far your heart has to pump blood to your brain. Not too far is it? But think of the giraffe. He has to pump blood uphill, sometimes as high as 8 feet (about the distance from your floor to your ceiling)! Whenever you pump things uphill, it is hard to do because of gravity. It takes a really strong pump, which the giraffe has. The giraffe has a heart that is **BIG** and 5 times stronger than other animals. His heart is 2 to 2 1/2 feet long! Wow! Take a look at your fist. Your fist is about the size of your heart. The giraffe's heart pumps lots of blood at high blood pressures uphill, which is hard to do.

When the giraffe cannot get enough water from the leaves of the trees that he eats, he goes to a watering hole to drink. But how do you get down to the water when your neck is actually shorter than your legs? Well, if you're a giraffe, you stttttretch your legs out! Now the head is down and we find there is another problem to be solved. We have a powerful heart that was pumping lots of blood, at high blood pressures, uphill, which was hard to do. Now we have the same heart, pumping lots of blood at high pressure, downhill which is easy to do. How many of you have ever blown up a balloon and put too much air pressure in the balloon? It pops with a **BANG**, right? When the giraffe puts his head down and all that blood pressure hits it, his head should pop off with a bang too! But it doesn't!

God designed special muscles around the blood vessels that carry the blood from the heart of the giraffe to his brain. These muscles have sensors on them that can sense when the pressure is getting too high, and they make the muscles squeeze closed, so that the giraffe has just the right amount of blood to his brain. When he raises his head the sensors open the muscles once again allowing more blood to the brain, which prevents the giraffe from getting dizzy, fainting, and having a hungry lion eat him.

What a wonder the giraffe is! Only an awesome God could have made such a creature. It never could have happened by chance or by accident. The giraffe is certainly no mistake!

ASK EUGENE

Wow! In the Jan./Feb. issue of **Kids Think and Believe Too!**, I asked you to draw pictures of how a cow could have changed into a whale. The response was great! I got lots of pictures. You kids really sttttretched your imagination! And you all thought it was a crazy idea! Evolution is a crazy idea! Here is just one piece of the artwork I received. Sorry I couldn't show them all (not enough room), but I loved them all!



Heather Johnson,
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Dear Eugene:
COWS DIDN'T TURN INTO WHALES
by Mark Sommerlot
(Lansing, MI)

Cows didn't turn into whales,
it's the dumbest idea
God didn't want 'um to.
How do you call a cow-whale?
Nobody knows, but I know why
Nobody knows: there were never
cow-whales, now that's a fact
the Bible says so. So, don't go 'round sayin' cows
turned into whales
'cause you won't be right. Right?

Dear Mark: **RIGHT!!!!** Love Ya!

What do giraffes have that no other animals have?

little giraffes

What is worse than a giraffe with a sore throat?

a centipede with corns.

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