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MEMORY VERSE

All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

John 1: 3 & 4

SPONTANEOUS GENERATION

For a long time, people thought that living things came from nonliving things (spontaneous generation). They thought that mud turned into frogs and old rags turned into rats! Some even thought that spoiled meat turned into white worms!

A man named Francesco Redi did an experiment to see if meat did turn into worms. He put meat into two jars. He covered one jar with fine cloth, and the other he left open. The meat spoiled in both jars, but only the jar that was uncovered produced white worms! Redi repeated the experiment and found that it happened again. Then he noticed that flies were crawling all over the uncovered meat and were laying eggs. The white worms were maggots (fly larvae). There were no flies on the covered meat.

Other men did experiments too, and discovered that rags do not turn into rats. Rag piles were just places rats liked to have their babies! The frogs that appeared to come from mud actually came from frog eggs. A new universal law of science was discovered. It's called the *Law of Biogenesis*. Bio- means life. *Genesis* means beginning. Scientists know that in the world today there is no way that life can simply begin on its own. We know life comes only from other life; yet evolutionists still say that millions of years ago life came from non-life. (Were they there?)



GOO TO YOU

Evolutionists think that Earth was once a hot, dead planet and that as it cooled, life began. They say chemicals fell into shallow pools of mud and water and combined to form bigger chemicals. They believe this "goo" formed the first "simple" living cell! This "simple" living cell then reproduced itself, and went through a lot of changes to make all the plants and animals you can see in the zoo today. Evolutionists say that people even came about this way. In other words, they think chemicals changed "FROM GOO TO YOU BY WAY OF THE ZOO!" Evolution teaches that life began just by chance; that nothing was designed; that no one did any planning; that we are just an accident!

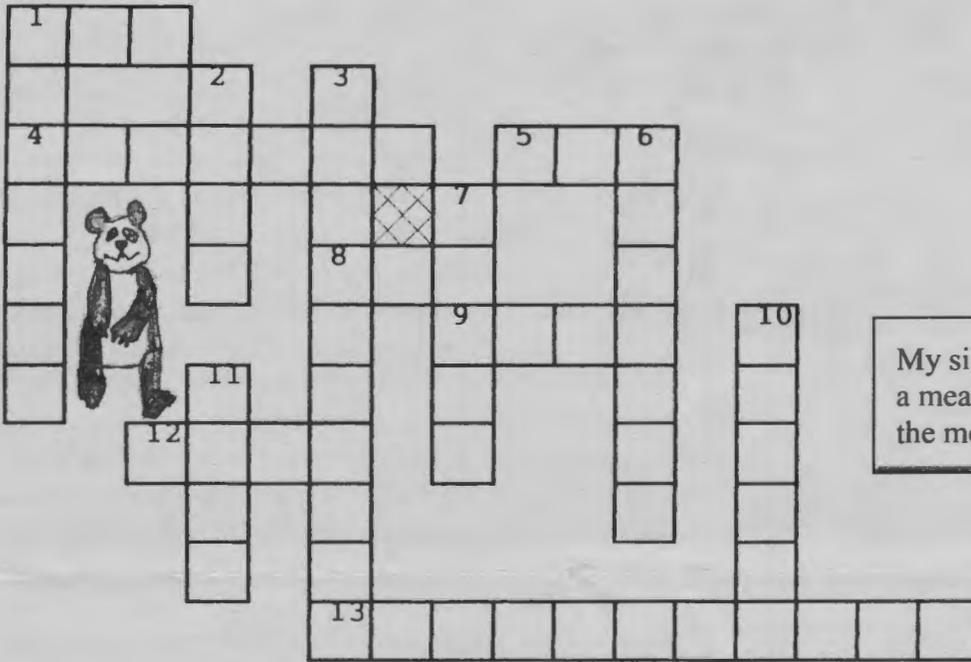
The Bible says, "*God said: 'Let the Earth bring forth living creatures after their kind: cattle, and creeping things, and beasts of the Earth after their kind; ' and it was so.'*" *Genesis 1:24*

Life was a plan of God! In the next issue we'll look at that "simple cell" and discover that it is NOT simple and could never have just happened by accident.

YOU TRY IT!

You can repeat the experiments done by Francesco Redi on spontaneous generation. But I warn you ahead of time. This experiment really STINKS! Make sure you have your parents permission to do this experiment. What you need: 2 glass jars; 1 piece of cloth or fine gauze big enough to cover one jar; rubber-band or string; 2 uncooked or raw pieces of meat.

Put some meat into each jar. Cover one of the jars with cloth or gauze using a rubber band or string to hold it. (Make sure air can get to the meat.) Now take the two jars OUTSIDE. (This is not an indoor experiment!) Make sure that you place the two jars somewhere that your dogs or cats will not disturb them. This experiment is best done in warm weather. Now just check the two jars once or twice a day until you see something happening. How long did it take and what did you see? Write to Eugene and tell him what you observed. Don't forget to throw away the rotten meat after the experiment! Phewww!



Adam: Waiter, there's a fly in my pea soup.

Waiter: There's nothing to worry about, sir. I'll take it back and exchange it for a pea.

My sister is a terrible cook. When she cooks a meal, all the flies in the house buzz around the medicine chest.

ASK EUGENE

Hi everybody! How was your summer? Mine was AWESOME! The whole summer was spent going to Vacation Bible Schools and church camps. It is so much fun to work with kids and share with them about God's creation and about Jesus. And talk about exciting! The Alpha Omega Children's team saw the Holy Spirit



save 112 kids this summer! That means the family of God just got bigger! Pray for all these "new" kids, that they will keep on learning and trusting in Jesus.

**JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN.
ALL THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD.
SLIPPERY, SLIMY AND MUDDY GOO,
THAT'S NOT HOW HE MADE ALL OF YOU.
JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN
OF THE WORLD!**

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ACROSS

- 1. wet dirt
- 4. means beginning
- 5. place for lots of animals
- 8. mud that oozes between toes when bare-footed
- 9. animals like big mice
- 12. - - - - comes from life
- 13. happening all by itself

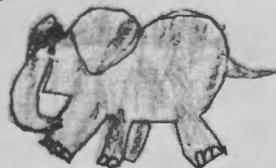
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DOWN

- 1. little white worms
- 2. scientist Francesco - - - -
- 3. law of - - - - - - - - , life comes from life
- 6. not inside
- 7. good fish bait
- 10. evolutionists say life began by this
- 11. God made creatures after their own - - - -

Q: What has an elephant's trunk, a giraffe's neck, a bird's beak, and a lion's head?
A: A ZOO.



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Eugene: What is worse than finding a worm in an apple?
Marilyn: Beats me.
Eugene: Finding half a worm.

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