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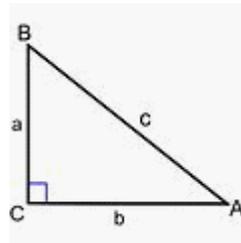
## Builders of Stonehenge ‘were skilled astronomers’: scientists claim that the builders of Stonehenge used complex geometry.

Every now and then, a snippet of news gives more light where there is apparent darkness. Modern thinking has our thinking that our ancestors were ape-like creatures of limited intelligence. This fits in with the prevailing concept that we men and women have evolved from more primitive types who now reached today’s pinnacle of evolutionary ascent.

So what do we make of the recent book named ‘*Megalith: Studies in Stone*’? Many newspapers and websites used the summer solstice to report on this book which was published for the occasion. The authors looked into the geometry associated with Neolithic monuments and concluded that the people who constructed them fully understood the concepts of solar and lunar eclipse cycles. With this

knowledge, the authors say these ancients used complex geometry to record what they knew in massive stone calendars.

It is proposed by co-author Robin Heath, who is known as an expert about megaliths (for more on megaliths, see [www.megalithic.co.uk](http://www.megalithic.co.uk) for example), that Stonehenge is linked to the Pythagorean triangle and its



builders have been using the equation: the square of the base + the square of the perpendicular = the square of the hypotenuse in a right-angled

triangle ( $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ ).

The authors say there is a rectangle of four Sarsen stones in one of the earliest parts of Stonehenge that dates back to 2750 BC. These stones when split diagonally in half form a perfect Pythagorean triangle of the measurements 5:12:13.

Consequently it is said that many stone ‘circles’ were not fully circular but have

geometry derived from Pythagorean triangles often in whole numbers of Megalithic yards (2.72 feet) which were probably laid out using ropes and pegs.

In addition to this, the eight lines radiating from the triangles and the rectangle align perfectly with the winter and summer solstices and the autumn and spring equinoxes.

The book states that Woodhenge, which stands almost two miles north-east of Stonehenge, was it appears also built using the Pythagoras theorem with a 12:35:37 triangle. Pythagorean triangles have also been found at other places in the British Isles including Avebury and Castlerigg near Keswick.,

The large stones of Stonehenge were surrounded by 56 stones or wooden posts at one time. It is said they could be used to predict eclipses and know the position of the moon, the sun, and all the lunar phases.

It is also stated that the bluestone horseshoe in the centre of Stonehenge is considered to be made up of 19 stones which reflect the number of years taken by the moon in the Metonic cycle to return to its same phase and position in the sky.

Further details are found in the Daily Telegraph's science page at <https://tinyurl.com/yaa5f353>

Contributor and editor John Matineau, says: "People often think of our

ancestors as rough cavemen but they were also sophisticated astronomers. They were applying Pythagorean geometry over 2,000 years before Pythagoras was born. We see triangles and double squares used which are simple versions of Pythagorean geometry. And then we have this synthesis on different sites of solar and lunar numbers. .... They were studying long and difficult to understand cycles and they knew about these when they started planning sites like Stonehenge."

Contributing author, Robin Heath, says "People see the Neolithic builders of Stonehenge as howling barbarians, when they were very learned and it has been forgotten."



*Stonehenge, Wiltshire, England*  
(Photo from Good Free Photos)

The conclusion seems to be that our ancestors, rather than primitive cavemen, were sophisticated astronomers. We recommend you read Dr Bill Cooper's 'After the Flood' (second edition) available from CSM.

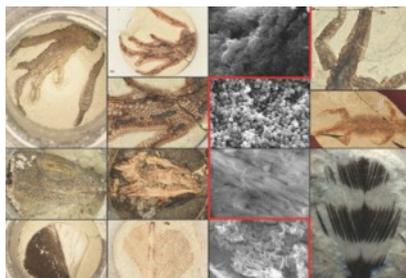
## One-up-manship with the Bible

The Bible says that to the Lord a day is as a thousand years – now, scientists have gone one better. Now, scientists can do in a day what is supposed to take millions of years. They can make fossils. For over a century we have heard how a fossilised object will have taken many million years to form as the fossilisation process is a long and slow one. Scientists wanted to replicate the fossil forming process, and they have now produced fossils identical in detail and structure to discovered fossils so much so that they were unable to distinguish the two types using an electro microscope.

You will have read that coal took millions of years to form, despite the fact that it can be made in a lab in just a few hours. Researches at Bristol University were able to produce fossil specimens by encasing objects in clay and heating them to a low-to-moderate temperature combined with high pressure. They heated the specimen to 210 °C at 241 Bar. The fossilisation process had destroyed the less stable biochemistry compounds such as proteins and fatty tissues, but preserved things like melanin which colours skin – exactly as is the case with real fossils. Interestingly, the team stated that earlier attempts had not destroyed the proteins and such like, allowing a “rancid smelling goo” to form. Now it so happens that Dr Mary Schweitzer

also reports this smell when prospecting for fossils in Hell’s Creek.

Another observation is that the “clean fossils” needed to be at this high pressure to form. 241 bar is the equivalent to being 2,410m under water, or you would get this pressure below 1,200m of a clay frictionless slurry. Civil Engineers have a discipline called soil mechanics, which concerns itself with the strength of soils. Once the clay column starts to harden, it can support some of its self-weight. A 1,200m clay column laid down over millions of years would not produce this high pressure.



*Experimental samples compared to fossils down to the microscopic structure of melanosomes. Fossil lizard images courtesy of Nicholas Edwards and Wang Yuan*

So our conclusions. Evolutionary biased Scientists have themselves proven that fossilised artefacts need not be millions of years old, but all that they needed was a day in the office. Furthermore, their data suggests that if these organisms were buried slowly under layers of silt they would not even fossilise; they’d need to be buried under a waterlogged and water softened clays and silts; if it were

hardening as the successive layers were being added, it is doubtful such pressures would arise.

No longer is time travel the sole preserve of Dr Who, but palaeontologists have gained to skill too. The results have been published in the journal *Palaeontology*.

Sources: [University of Bristol](#), [Field Museum](#) via [EurekAlert](#)

*(Christopher Wainwright)*

## More evidence from mitochondria

Attention has recently been given to a new study which is casting serious doubt on the theory that today's creatures are the result of millions of years of evolution. After looking at mitochondrial DNA of a hundred thousand animal species, including humans, researchers reached the stunning conclusion that nearly every species dates back to no more than 200,000 years.

David S Thaler of the University of Basel and Mark Young Stoeckle of the Rockefeller University carried out the study. The standard explanation of origins says creatures have evolved by adaption based on genetic mutations and the survival of the fittest. As each species will vary over time, it would be expected that supposedly older species and those with large populations with a worldwide spread should have a greater genetic variation. The results

(see <https://tinyurl.com/y94akj3q>) of the study show that 90 percent of the animal species have mitochondrial DNA variation that is similar and similarly low.

Thaler has said that this conclusion is very surprising, and he fought against it as hard as he could. A degree of courage is needed to publish this material as scientific studies rarely contradict the foundational evolutionary idea that the evolution of all species has been a progressive and requiring millions and millions of years.

The authors of the study analysed the barcodes (the gene COI) in the DNA of mitochondria DNA for 100,000 species. The outcome was to conclude the evidence showed that almost all animals emerged right around the time humans did. This was because there was no variation in the "neutral" mutations, or slight DNA changes across generations that don't impact an individual's odds of survival. It is said that the neutral mutations are similar to one another and are considered to be like the rings in a tree for the purpose of allowing the approximate age of a species to be determined.

One of their findings was that the genetic differences between humans around the world are no greater than the differences between any two pigeons or two of any other animal. The author Stoeckle says that while culture, life experience and other things can make people very different, our

basic biology is the same, like it is for the birds.

The body of evidence is building up against the theory of evolution. When, according to the ideas of Thomas Kuhn expressed in his *Structure of Scientific Revolutions*, will its paradigm collapse under the weight? Christians should stand their ground and rely on the accounts in the book of *Genesis*.

Readers are encouraged to read our pamphlet No 404 'Where do you come from <https://tinyurl.com/ya8vrdbn> (We are grateful for a reader's drawing our attention to this recent study.)

## Cuttings & Comments from **New Scientist** by Dr David Rosevear

**7 July p.20 – Mars may have had life 100 million years before Earth cooled**  
Note the various assumptions in this title.

First, that the system of dating is reliable. Second, that life could arise by chance on either planet and thirdly, that the Earth began as a hot (gaseous) proto-planet.

The basis of these assumptions is the study of **“ancient crystals in a Martian meteorite found in Morocco in 2011. The team dated them to about 4.4 billion years old.”**

How can an isotopic analysis of the crystals possibly tell them that Mars

formed a solid crust 4.47 billion years ago?

With crystal gazing skills like that, they should be fortune-telling at the fairground!



*The planet Mars*  
(Photo from Good Free Photos)

### **7 July p28 - Our ~~African~~ Asian origins**

The article reminds us that in the 1920s and '30s, Peking Man was regarded as our earliest ancestor. Now, more fossils have been found in China, including at the Peking Man site, suggesting that humanity evolved in the East as well as in Africa. Yet another evolutionary Just So story has had to be revised.

Peking Man was a collection of broken skulls found in a cave near Beijing among a huge pile of ash. Reconstructions showed a brain capacity of less than 1000 ccs. Some suggested they were monkey skulls broken to extract their edible brains by real men who could control fire. Their discoverers were Dr Davidson Black of the British Museum and Father Teilhard de Chardin, both of whom had been heavily involved in the Piltdown Man fraud. When the Japanese invaded China, Teilhard remained on good terms with them. The Peking Man

fossils disappeared and he made no further mention of them in his writings. Now we find them resurrected.

#### **14 July p.8 – Prehistoric toddler liked life in the trees**

A partial skeleton of a ‘hominin’ classified as *Australopithecus Afarensis* was found in Ethiopia in 1974, and named ‘Lucy’. The foot bones were not found, but Lucy had powerful arms, presumably from living in the trees. A TV docu-drama used a small actress, with normal feet, clothed in hair from top to toe. Shortly afterwards, lines of footprints in volcanic ash were uncovered at Laetoli in Tanzania and these were indistinguishable from unshod human prints. They were dated at about the same age as Lucy, and are attributed to *A. Afarensis*.

In 2000 a virtually complete skeleton of a juvenile *A. Afarensis* was found, also in Ethiopia, and dated around the same age as Lucy. It is described here as that of a girl of about two and a half years old when she died. This study of the ‘toddler’ describes her feet as surprisingly flexible, and slightly ape-like, that she could use to grasp the branches of trees.

So if Lucy and her ilk had ape-like feet for an arboreal lifestyle, one has to ask who walked across that volcanic ash. The footprints have since been covered over again, apparently to preserve them.

#### **21 July p.3 – Dumb and dumber?**

In this leader article, the statement is made; **“This magazine always cham-**

**pions rational thinking.”** And yet, as readers of this column know, *NS* always champions evolution theory and dismisses creationism. For example, on page 39 is yet another piece about the search for extraterrestrial life; this time on planets orbiting relatively cool red stars.

The leader goes on to conclude: **“The stereotype of the rational intellectual is a myth, too; we are all hostages to our own biases.”**

Are they claiming to be uniquely rational? ‘L’*enfer, c’est les autres.*’ – Sartre.

#### **4 August p.3 – Climate’s role in heat-wave**

This is one of three pieces in this edition about the present extended heat-wave. The weather is blamed directly upon the position of the Jetstream stationary to the north of Europe.

**“...such patterns are becoming more common as a result of human caused climate change. Events like the massive wildfires breaking out around the Arctic Circle really have no precedent in modern history.”**

Burning fossil fuel puts the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, which reflects back the heat radiated by the Earth.

But how much is attributable to human activity?

The Earth is still recovering from a worldwide flood only some 4,300 years ago, followed by an ice age. Inland seas are still drying up and polar ice is still retreating.

We have regular volcanic eruptions and earthquakes that spew out massive

quantities of CO<sub>2</sub> that make our power stations' effects look puny.

However, we do have a requirement to avoid polluting the planet. Rev. 11:18 warns that the Creator will destroy them who destroy the Earth.

#### **4 August p.16 – Mouths primed to heal wounds fast**

**“A study has found that cells in the mouth are always primed for healing.”**

Researchers found that wounds to the mouth inflicted on volunteers (!) healed 5 to 10 times faster than those to the skin.

**“Biopsies revealed networks of healing genes are permanently active or on standby in the cells of the mouth lining, but not in skin.”**

#### **4 August p.45 – Ways of the whale**

This is a review of the book *Spying on whales* by Nick Pyenson.



*A humpback whale*  
(Photo from Good Free Photos)

**“*Spying on whales* delves into the evolutionary history of these mysterious marine mammals, from their beginnings on land to their transition to the sea over a mere 10 million years. At times, however,**

**explanations can get in the way of the drama. But what Pyenson highlights so well is the struggle to address our shocking ignorance.”**

I think Nick demonstrates this admirably – a worthy successor to Kipling, o my best beloved.

#### **11 August p.6 – Boy’s brain works despite missing a chunk**

As a 4 year old, the little lad had seizures caused by a brain tumour.

Before his 7<sup>th</sup> birthday surgeons removed a third of his brain’s right hemisphere. This included regions that carry out visual processing and deal with sights and sounds.

Three years later it was found that the boy’s intellect, visual perception and recognition of faces and objects were all normal. However he is blind to information on the left side of his world.

**“The team found that his left hemisphere reorganised itself to take over sophisticated tasks such as face and object recognition.”**

Perhaps this was possible because the young boy’s brain was still developing. The design allowed for that.

#### **11 August p.44 – Amazing apians**

From this book review we learn that most species of bees are vegetarian, feeding on nectar and pollen. So far, so factual. Then we are whisked away into the world of make-believe:

**“The bees’ ancestors, the wasps, however, are mostly carnivorous. Around 100 million years ago, one group began to eat pollen, feeding it to their larvae. This evolutionary**

innovation led to the 20,000 species of bee we have today. Bees, it turns out, are just hippy wasps.”

The reviewer comments of the book “I would have liked to see more science.” I agree!



*A bee at work*

*(Picture by Sandy Millar at Unsplash)*

## **25 August p.5 – Born on a battered Earth**

Here is a potted history of life on Earth, based on the genes of organisms alive today, combined with a timeline deduced from the positions in the fossil record.

The conclusion is that our earliest shared ancestor lived at least 3.9 billion years ago.

**“They compared the sequences of 29 genes across 102 species to build a family tree that showed how we were all related, and the order in which new groups split away from their relatives.**

**“The researchers then added some dates to this tree, taken from the geological record. This enabled them to estimate when the various groups evolved and parted company. For instance, they knew that life could be**

**no older than 4.52 billion years because that is when a rock the size of Mars slammed into Earth, forming the moon. The impact was so severe that the planet’s entire surface melted.**

**“The mitochondria inside cells were once free-living alphaproteobacteria, which were somehow swallowed by an archaean that then gave rise to the first eukaryotes.”**

The whole basis of these arguments is flawed:

Firstly, genes are very precisely ordered strings of nucleotides that carry coded information. They also contain sequences now known as the epigenome that switch on and off genes. The chromosomes carry a variety of genes called alleles that do the same job; some of which are more fit under different circumstances. Any change in this precise order upsets the code and tends to be eliminated by natural selection. This rules out evolution in the Darwinian protozoan-to-professor sense.

Secondly, the evidence from sediments and fossils shows that they were laid down rapidly under high energy conditions, as in the historic worldwide flood. This rules out billions of years.

The period of bombardment from space would most probably have been during the flood. Before that judgment, conditions were very good. Afterwards, Noah’s descendants would have referred to such catastrophes.

There is no satisfactory secular theory explaining the formation of the moon, that lesser light that rules the night.

Regarding mitochondria that are found in all eukaryotic (multi-celled) organisms, they are organelles containing minute factories for supplying the energy molecule adenosine triphosphate. They do not exist on their own; only within cells. Scientific as it sounds, alphaproteobacteria never existed! Moreover, eukaryotic cells cannot survive without mitochondria. They are mutually dependant.

(And the only tree with dates attached is the date palm.)

#### 25 August p.7 – Prehistoric teenager was offspring of two species

**“A sliver of bone from [Denisova] Cave in Russia is at the centre of what may be the biggest archaeological story of the year. The bone belonged to an ancient human who had a Neanderthal mother and a Denisovan father.”**

The article reports that *H. sapiens*, *H. neanderthalensis* and Denisovans all interbred, as this girl’s genes confirm. Denisovans are only known from fragments of bone found in this Russian cave.

**“DNA comes in paired strands called chromosomes, one from each parent. In Denny’s case, each pair had one Neanderthal and one Denisovan chromosome, with very little mixing. “Denny’s mitochondrial DNA, which is inherited only from mothers, is Neanderthal.”**

Today, because racism is such a sensitive subject, we don’t refer to Caucasians, Negros’s and Orientals as

species. They freely interbreed so they are all one created kind – humans, children of Eve.

#### 25 August p.34 – Ice Sage

James Croll (1821-1890) was the unschooled janitor at Anderson’s University in Strathclyde. He invented a mechanism to explain the ice age(s), which brought him into prominence. He was on corresponding terms with Darwin, Lyell and Lord Kelvin.

**“By painstaking calculation, he showed that over more than a million years, the glaciations appeared to coincide with the periodic extremes of what astronomers call eccentricity. This variation in the elliptical shape of Earth’s orbit round the sun has only a tiny effect on the total amount of solar radiation reaching the planet. In his greatest insight, Croll proposed that it was enough to trigger substantial indirect cooling of the Arctic – in particular by the diversion of the Gulf Stream, reducing heat reaching the pole. As more ice formed, more sunlight was reflected, causing more cooling. Such amplifying feedbacks underpin estimates of the impact of human-made climate change today.”**

Today James Croll is forgotten and the supposed cold cycles are known as the Milankovich effect.

It is true that the variation in eccentricity of the Earth’s orbit is not a big effect. In summer the northern hemisphere tilts to face the sun, but the Earth is at its furthest from the sun.

Once the Arctic is cold, the air holds less moisture so build-up of snow and ice is slowed down. There is no runaway cooling.

Following the worldwide flood, the seas were very warm due to the breaking up of the crust. This would have led to a greater rate of evaporation. The water vapour would have condensed at the poles where the sun's heat was least. The snow compacted into a great thickness of ice, which flowed under its own weight to lower latitudes, giving the ice age. Ice advanced and retreated with the seasons until the seas had cooled to a point where evaporation was less and ice build-up stopped.

Croll's theory was taken up by Lyell and Darwin because it fitted in with their ideas of deep time and evolution.

**1 September p.29 – Halting evolution**  
NS news reporter Michael Le Page, assumes that evolution is occurring and wonders how to stop it.

**“Over billions of years, evolution has created a stunning variety of life on Earth.”** He also is confused between variations within a created kind and protozoans to people evolution. **“Even now it is helping wildlife adapt to the enormous changes we are making to the planet.”** He writes that evolution can be rapid, and cites bacterial resistance to penicillin and mosquitoes' resistance to DDT. However, these are examples of mutational changes, the bacteria and mozzies remaining bacteria and mozzies. If we stop using the antibiotic or insecticide, the

resistant varieties, which are less fit, die out.

Other examples of his so-called evolution include African elephants that are becoming tuskless and Darwin's finches whose beaks vary with the available food. When poachers kill elephants for their tusks, those varieties that do not sport tusks are left to breed and multiply. They remain African elephants or Galapagos finches and haven't evolved.

The article mentions that the gene editing tool known as CRISPR can remove selected sections of mutated DNA and replace them with the originally created gene to rectify, for example, resistance to weed-killers. Here, intelligent scientists are replacing the original genetic information, halting the devolution.

**15 September p.7 – The oldest human drawing**

Archaeologists claim to have found a 73,000-year-old drawing on a chip of brown rock just 4 by 1.5 centimetres (1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " by  $\frac{3}{4}$ " for Brexitiers). Red hatching lines had been very deliberately drawn using soft red ochre with a 2mm point. It was found buried in a cave in South Africa.

**“This is the beginning of cultural modernity and sophisticated behaviour, says Colin Renfrew at the University of Cambridge... This shows that the minds of these people would have been very similar to ours today, says Clive Finlayson of the Gibraltar Museum. They were able to try to represent something by**

**abstracting something. That suggests cognitive capacities similar to ours”**

Then again, perhaps it was the doodling of a child.

We know that early man had a larger brain volume than our own. We know that each generation has an increasing number of mutations in both the body and brain.

The first man, Adam, would have had a perfect brain, uncluttered by mutations that lose genetic information. Walking in the Garden with his Maker, who knows what he might have learnt? His early descendants, we read, were skilled in metalwork and music. There is no way that ape genes could change by increments into grunting hominins (‘Me Tarzan, you Jane’) and so through to a Cambridge don or a museum curator.

Dating methods generally are most unreliable. The article speaks of etchings on a clam shell from Indonesia dated at half a million years old, **“that must have been made by a different species of hominin, *Homo erectus*.”**

**15 September p.28 – ‘I want to make a chemical brain’**

Lee Cronin, the Regius Chair of Chemistry at Glasgow University, has high ambitions:

**“There are four missions in my lab: to build a robot that can do all of chemistry (and digitalise it – we call it a ‘chemputer’) to create artificial life, to understand information and to make a chemical brain. They’re**

**all effectively about the same thing: understanding the interaction of information in chemistry.”**

**“Here’s an idea: let’s think of living things as machines that can produce complex objects that could not have randomly formed – from DNA to iPhones, they require information to assemble them.”**

Both iPhones and DNA that cannot be formed by random means were assembled by a team of intelligent humans in one case and by the living intelligent Creator in the other.

**“We are developing a new origin-of-life theory and model so we can work out what time is required, what resources are needed and what scale a machine needs to be to find the right route to a new life form.”**

A Creator who is outside of time, space and matter needed no time or resources.

**“In my lab I’m creating a physical model of the world in which you have simple rocks and simple organic molecules and then develop a way of getting from there to genetics. I want to understand what the difference is between stuff that is just complicated to make, such as an arrangement of molecules, and stuff that requires information to make, such as basic cellular machinery.”**

The accompanying photo of Cronin’s apparatus might well have been built by Heath Robinson. I checked the calendar and it’s not April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**22 September p.24 – Hands off evolution**

**“It is an outrage that Turkey is ditching Darwin from biology textbooks.**

**“As Turkish children returned to school, they will have faced significant changes to biology lessons that risk limiting their understanding of the world. In Hungary, academic freedoms are also under attack... In Turkey, information about natural selection and Darwin’s theory of evolution is being removed from school biology texts for 15-year-olds.”**

The Koran, Islam’s ‘holy text’, teaches Creation, and this move follows the rise of Islamic sentiment in the secular Turkish state. Religious schools have increased tenfold in Turkey in the past decade. *New Scientist* laments what it calls intolerance of the Turkish government, but fails to note the intolerance of the then British education minister, Michael Gove, who banned creation science from all schools here, including church schools. Maybe the Muslims have come across that letter from Charles Darwin that speculated that the advanced westerners would soon overcome the backward Turks in the struggle for life.

## **22 September p.28 – The mystery of the universe in 10 objects**

Here *NS* uncovers ten aspects of astronomy theories that don’t add up. The first is the cosmic microwave background, or CMB. When the Planck satellite plotted this in 2014, it confirmed an earlier finding that the density of the universe appeared to be

almost uniform, suggesting that the distribution of galaxies was also uniform. This was then explained by the invention of an ‘inflation field’ of rapid expansion immediately following the proposed big bang that created everything out of nothing. The problem is that there is no evidence for inflation. It requires gravitational waves not found by Planck, as well as a multiverse – an infinite number of universes beyond our ability to detect them. Because of this, some theorists now want to replace the hypothetical big bang with a big bounce. Perhaps the universe keeps collapsing in big crunches only to explode out again.

**“The right answer is still anyone’s guess.”**

Another anomaly is dark energy, a kind of anti-gravity which is said to determine the size and longevity of the universe. This cannot be explained either.

Another is the discovery in 2016 of the BOSS Great Wall, a dense network of galaxies 500 light years across, and a vast empty patch or super void, right by us, stretching two billion light years across. This lumpiness affects calculations of the rate of expansion, and so the age, of the universe.

What stops galaxies from flying apart. Theorist have invented a source of gravity called cold dark matter, for which, again, there is no evidence.

In 2016 a large planet 1.4 times the size of Jupiter was found close to a star. In our solar system, large gaseous planets are far out from the sun. It was also found that this planet, KELT-11B,

weighed in at only 20 per cent of Jupiter's mass, with a density little more than expanded polystyrene packaging. **“The problem is that they fly in the face of everything we thought we knew about planet formation, based on our solar system.”** Black holes are also a **“bamboozling”** mystery.

Earth is teeming with life. **“It remains the only such place we know of. Yet given the number of planets in our own galaxy, let alone the whole universe, it seems staggeringly unlikely to be the only place.”**

The final mystery that I have chosen from this list is **“Why does anything exist at all? Embarrassingly, our theories suggest nothing should exist.”** Matter and antimatter would have been produced in equal amounts from the hypothetical big bang. These would then have proceeded to annihilate one another, leaving only energy.

Clearly, it is high time to ditch the idea that the universe created itself.

But that leaves the theorists with an even greater mystery: Who did create everything?

### **29 September p.10 – Gene tool could halt malaria spread**

This piece of genetic juggling caught my eye because I too contracted malaria during national service in Egypt a while ago. There are 200 million cases a year, with half a million deaths.

A piece of parasitic DNA has been introduced to a group of 600 mosquitoes in laboratory cages, using the CRISPR method. Within 12

generations all the mozzies had been killed.

There is now a debate about whether it would be safe to release this kind of gene drive into the wild.

The plasmodium parasite that infects mosquitoes, causing malaria, was evidently not part of the Creator's original 'very good' world (Gen.1:31). Mosquitoes also spread West Nile Fever and dengue fever.

### **29 September p.12 – Earliest animal identified by its fatty signature**

**“A strange soft-bodied sea creature that lived over half a billion years ago may have been the first animal species on Earth.”** Researchers have recently found fats in an Ediacaran fossil *Dickinsonia* that seem to confirm it was an animal. The accompanying photo in *NS* shows very fine detail of its patterned surface.

This delicate detail in a soft-bodied creature, together with the identification of the cholesterol-like molecules, makes the 558 million year claim absurd. Only yesterday I threw out some apple crumble I had forgotten in the fridge, because it was decomposing.

### **Quotes Colossians 1:16-17**

For by him [Jesus Christ] were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

## Book review:

*Evolution and the Christian Faith*, by Philip Bell, Day One, 2018, £10

This 320 page paperback is targeted at theistic evolutionists, that is, Christians who believe that God used evolution over billions of years to create the universe and everything in it. It does not aim to tackle the scientific issues because there is a plethora of books that do that. Instead, Philip Bell takes the tenets of evolution and compares them with the teaching of the Bible. In all cases, theistic evolution (TE) requires reinterpreting the plain meaning of Holy Writ.

Since deep time is necessary for evolution theory, the ‘and God said’ of six day creation is rejected. The imminent Creator of the Bible is replaced by a god who guides the changes from behind the scenes. This god takes aeons of time, and much suffering and death, to produce an imperfect world.

As the CEO of Creation Ministries International, UK, Philip’s position is that the Bible is the Word of God, inspired by God the Holy Spirit, jots, tittles and all. He brings a whole host of Scriptures to bear on the question, which makes the book a pleasure to read.

Sin came by one man and death by sin. Death is the wages of sin. In Adam all die. This is incompatible with vast ages of suffering and death before man developed a conscience. The judgments of the Fall, the Flood and Babel are discounted by TE advocates. And what of the coming judgment?

Will the restoration of all things only take us back to struggle for survival of the fittest?

A real problem for theistic evolutionists is that all the writers of the New Testament regarded Genesis 1-11 as historic truth. Were they inspired? The Lord Jesus Christ spoke of the first man and woman, made at the beginning. He likened the coming judgment to the Flood in the days of Noah. Was He ignorant in His incarnation or a deceiver, if He believed these ‘myths’?

TE is little different in practice from full blown atheistic evolution - the philosophy that gave rise to Marxism and the Nazis.

The book will be a wake-up call to those Christians, including church leaders, who have been taken in by the aggressive evangelism of atheistic evolutionists in our media and places of learning. Available from the Creation Science Movement.

**Available from CSM DR**

## Method in science:

In August’s publication this article included an adverse comment about evidence backing the connection between the MMR vaccine and autism. There are of course strong voices which express the contrary view. A reader writes to say that scientific studies are not balanced and are weighted in favour of the vaccine providers – he asserts that studies do not use adequate comparisons and ignore unfavourable statistics. As with many issues, there is

something on YouTube, for example at <https://tinyurl.com/yd3j5xvk> and <https://tinyurl.com/y72d5gsx>.

## You write:

“A fellow Christian on my law course had a chat to me one day and said: “The world and the universe are less than 10,000 years old”. I scoffed and laughed out loud. But later I did take some of the [CSM] pamphlets from a fellow Christian in Harlow, reading them with an open mind, and within a few months I realized that your pamphlets were telling the truth, and that meant I really could trust all of God’s Word, and could accept Genesis as literal history. It was a surprise to learn that Adam and Eve were real people!”

*TB (from Shropshire)*

Thank you as ever for your publications in the last year, they continue to provide a source of hope and truth that informs regular conversations that the world is not a product of chance and billions of years as the BBC amongst many others would have us believe! May God bless, inspire and lead your work.

*(NH and HH)*

## News from Genesis Expo at the Hard, Portsmouth

Crinoid fossil: is now at our museum in Portsmouth

This crinoid, also called a sea lily, is an animal still found in the world’s oceans



This beautiful fossil is from the Lower Jurassic at the famous Holtsmaden quarry in Germany.



Crinoids anchor themselves to the sea floor and feed by sifting organisms from the water with their calyx, or ‘flower’.

Its form has remained unchanged today so it is known as a ‘living fossil’. This stasis is dictated by its seed, its DNA. It reproduces after its kind and doesn’t evolve.

When a crinoid dies the organic tissues quickly rot and it leave a pile of separated ossicles or small bones. Fossil crinoids are found intact, like this fine specimen. The living creature was suddenly inundated by waves of sediment and buried whole.

Crinoids are found in all the world's oceans, and their fossils are widespread.

This high-energy burial scenario is best explained by a worldwide flood, as described in the folklore of most peoples.

(See: *The Authenticity of the Book of Genesis* by Bill Cooper, available from CSM.)

## A philosophical note

The American philosopher Prof Thomas Nagel, in his book *Mind and Cosmos* (2012), argues that a materialist view of the emergence of life and consciousness doesn't make sense. The mind, he writes, is a basic aspect of nature and that any philosophy of nature is misguided to ignore it. He argues that materialist or mechanistic principles cannot account for the emergence of life, but rather teleological (purpose/information driven) principles. He says this despite his being an atheist.

## Meeting

The Groundlings Theatre  
42 Kings Street,  
Portsmouth PO1 3BS  
**Saturday 10th November 2018**  
**2pm to 5pm**

Two lectures by Dr Diane Eager of Creation Research Australia

“Created for the Good World, Surviving in the fallen World”.

This will look at some examples of God's brilliant design and how the processes normally ascribed to evolution, e.g. natural selection, are evidence of fallen world, rather than a world evolving upwards.

“Mutations are Us, but we are not evolving”.

This looks at how human mutations are evidence for a good world gone wrong, and that Genesis is the real history of the real world.

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