

The vital work of CSM - two Testimonials

Our records show that Dr Leonard Loose is our longest serving member. At 95 years of age, he continues to research Darwin's writing, and has provided us with some useful quotes in the last CSM Journal (June 2006). He has recently kindly provided an interview for CSM (formerly called the Evolution Protest Movement or EPM, founded in 1932) that is on the website. This is part of what Leonard had to say and we thank him for his time.

“I joined the Evolution Protest Movement (EPM) in either late 1933 or in 1934. I cannot recall how information about the EPM reached me. Possibly it was at the annual conference of IVF at Swanwick, or direct from the Evangelical Union at Leeds. I joined because I believed that God created exactly when and how the Bible reports it. Neither was I convinced of the claims that nature is evolutionary. It was also evident that the forceful teaching of



evolution at the university had destroyed the faith in the Bible of many students, and called for strong informed resistance such as EPM offered.

The creation issue is of immense importance to both faith and science. The immense importance has arisen in the necessity of providing an invincible bulwark against the attacks upon it by hostile evolutionists on the one hand and in being a very effective weapon in demolishing the pseudo foundations of the evolution theory on the other.

The Darwinian presentation of evolution has become the arch enemy of the Word of God and is the work of an anti-Christ. Cleverly presented and attractively dressed in the persuasive terms of science and philosophy it has weakened, undermined and sooner or later destroyed the trust of many young people. As it was said in 1930-40s **"Hitler has slain his thousands, but Darwin his tens of thousands."** Could it not now be raised to "millions"?

Therefore it is of paramount importance that every believer in the Lord Jesus Christ should be thoroughly informed of the Creation-Evolution issue, and should have sound understanding of the truths and falsehoods in the spheres of Creation (Biblical fact) and Evolution (the fantasy in *The Origin of Species*). We should support those servants of God especially called and equipped, giving themselves to upholding and to spreading the facts to all people and urgently to the young. Thus we shall honour and declare the integrity of our Saviour Jesus Christ and of the Bible. Thus we shall keep the way open and safe for many children and young people to come to Christ and to everlasting life."

And from a lady in Hampshire:

"I used to belong to a church with a fairly liberal interpretation of Scripture, especially Genesis, so I came to believe that it didn't much matter whether God created the world literally in six days or through evolution. Nevertheless I did not really find this approach satisfactory, and somehow felt cheated.

Then I came to hear of a CSM conference at Arundel Street, so I came along. It really blew my mind, and for the first time I saw that I could believe all that the Bible says. What a wonderful discovery, and what a weight lifted off me!

I became a member of CSM, despite the scorn of some church members, and avidly lapped up all the literature you sent me. I finally came to the point where I could leave that church and began worshipping with the Berean Fellowship at Bosham, where you yourself have also addressed us in the last 2 or 3 years. I have gradually been set free from so much bondage. I know I owe it all to the Lord, but along the way He has used some of His servants to help me and to teach me. Thank you, CSM.

Yours in Him, D.H. (Mrs)

Two quotes

from scientists, one based on *a priori* assumptions, the other on logic:

'We take the side of science in spite of the patent absurdity of some of its constructs, in spite of its failure to fulfil many of its extravagant promises of health and life, in spite of the tolerance of the scientific community for unsubstantiated just-so stories, because we have a prior commitment, a commitment to materialism. It is not that the methods and institutions of science somehow compel us to accept a material explanation of the phenomenal world, but, on the contrary, that we are forced by our *a priori* adherence to material causes to create an apparatus of investigation and a set of concepts that produce material explanations, no matter how counter-intuitive, no matter how mystifying to the uninitiated. Moreover, that materialism is an absolute, for we cannot allow a Divine Foot in the door.'

Reference:

Richard Lewontin, Billions and billions of demons, *The New York Review*, p. 31, 9 January 1997.

and:

"I think, however, that we must go further and admit that the only acceptable explanation is creation. I know that this is anathema to physicists, as indeed it is to me, but we must not reject a theory we do not like if the experimental evidence supports it."

Reference

Prof. H J Lipson, A Physicist looks at Evolution, *Physics Bulletin*, 1980

Genesis said it first:

"There are 10 times more stars in the night sky than grains of sand in the world's deserts and beaches, scientists say."

"There are 70 thousand million million million - or 7 followed by 22 zeros - stars visible from the Earth. The estimate is said to be the most accurate yet...Without a telescope it is possible to see around 5,000 stars from the darkest places of the Earth."

Reference:

Daily Telegraph, 23rd July 2003

See Genesis 22:17.

Just So? Story

Oh my Best Beloved, I know that you are familiar with the story of how the camel got his hump and how the elephant got his long nose. But do you know how the feather duster evolved? No? I thought not. Seating yourself comfortably, let us begin.

Once upon a time, Best Beloved, there was a young sapling with bare branches. My, how he shivered in the cold weather! Then, behold - he developed fuzzy branches. Oh, how warm he was in the winter now (we'll conveniently ignore the fact that he was too hot in the summer). This led eventually to his big brother the sumac tree, and other such fuzzy-branched plants.

As time went by, however, there were further changes. Some of his fuzz got longer and longer until it looked more like fur. Oh, how warm and cosy he was in the winter now! (No, Best Beloved, I really don't want to discuss the summer right this moment.)

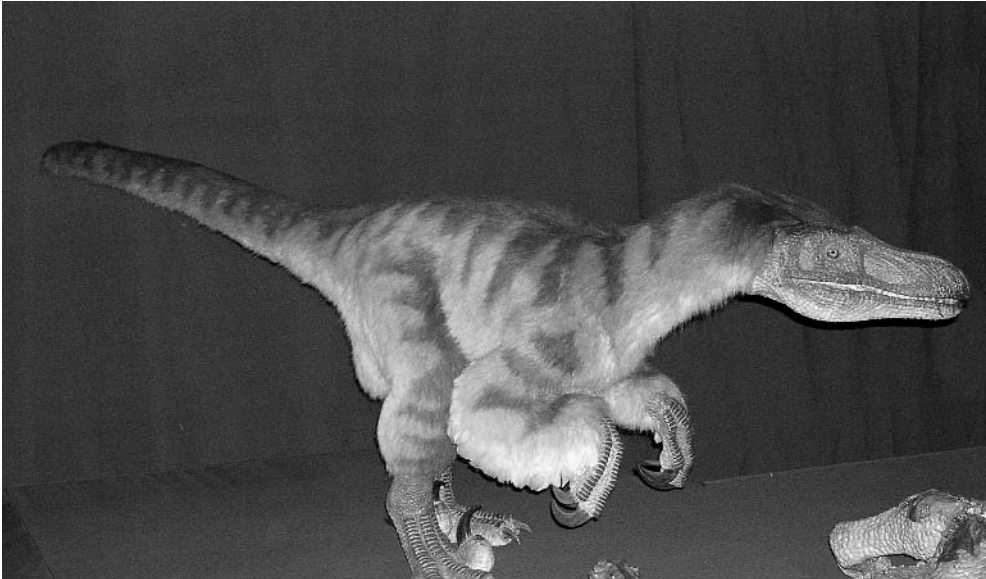
But this was still not the end of the story. Some of this long fuzz gradually got more and more frayed until it

was Much More Useful. It became feathers! And because it was so Useful, he kept it. With all these feathers he could fly, which is obviously Useful. (We'll ignore the fact that he was far too heavy, and when the feathers were half-formed they were not only useless but kept getting in his way.)

Eventually, Best Beloved, a man came along and said, "I have an even more useful thing for you to do!" And with that he lopped his crown off and it became a feather duster.

As you know, feather dusters are with us to this very day, so the earlier history is obviously true, isn't it? Pardon? You don't believe me?! But Best Beloved, this is just the same in principle as the story of how dinosaurs such as Velociraptor gradually changed into birds. And birds are with us to this day, so it must be true, mustn't it? Oh really, Best Beloved. At your age you shouldn't be using such long words as tendentious nonsense. Next thing, you'll be saying that evolutionists believe in fairytales.

R. Cambridge (with apologies to Rudyard Kipling).



Robotic model of Velociraptor displayed at the British Museum of Natural History, 2006. It has tiger-like fur, becoming feathers on the forelimbs.

BMA opposes Euthanasia

On the 29th June the British Medical Association voted overwhelmingly to oppose the legalisation of physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia. Commenting on this result, the campaign director of Care NOT Killing, Dr Peter Saunders, said:

“This is a fantastic result for the many organisations campaigning against euthanasia. It is a very important result in terms of political and public opinion. It means that the

medical profession in the UK is now firmly united in its opposition to any form of euthanasia or physician-assisted suicide. This sends a very clear message to the public and to MPs - doctors who care for dying patients understand the serious dangers that would arise from legalising euthanasia.”

The BMA agreed that we need better palliative care for the terminally ill - we need to do this to kill the pain and not the patient. The argument that decided this vote and the similar vote in the House of Lords last month is a simple one. For sick and

vulnerable patients the danger is that the right to die could become a duty to die as they feel pressure, whether real or imaginary, from family, carers and society at large to request early death. The BMA vote has rescued patients from embarking upon the slippery slope towards full blown euthanasia in the UK".

Edited from a report by Tanya Yeghnazar, Communications Officer, Christian Medical Fellowship

Intelligent design creeps on to courses

This was the headline of an article by Jessica Shepherd and Steve Farrar in the *Times Higher Educational Supplement* on 23rd June. They report that creationism is making inroads into the science curricula of UK universities. Leeds University plans to incorporate one or two compulsory lectures on creationism and intelligent design into its second-year course for zoology and genetics undergraduates next Christmas. At Leicester University, academics already devote part of a lecture for third-year genetics undergraduates to creationism and intelligent design.

In both cases, lecturers intend to present the controversial theories as fallacies irreconcilable with scientific evidence. David Read, vice-president of the Royal Society, said: "It would be undesirable for universities to have to spend a lot of precious resources teaching students that creationism and intelligent design are not based on scientific evidence. It is pretty basic stuff."

A *Times Higher* investigation has also discovered there are at least 14 academics in science departments who consider themselves creationists. They argue the world is thousands not billions of years old and believe Noah's flood explains fossil remains. Several others are proponents of intelligent design, which rejects evolution as a discredited theory. Some are heads of departments, seven lecture in the life sciences and seven are professors. They work in universities such as Bristol, Leeds, Manchester Metropolitan and Southampton.

They include Jonathan Swingler, head of Southampton University's School of Engineering Sciences, who believes dinosaurs co-existed with humans; and George Marshall, lecturer in neurobiomedicine at

Glasgow University, who claims the complexity of the eye makes him "balk at evolutionary theory".

There was concern from some of Britain's top scientists. John Armour, professor of human genetics at Nottingham University, said he thought giving two lectures on alternatives to evolution was "like geologists spending time discussing the Earth being flat". The Leeds plan to include lectures on alternatives to evolution is the result of student feedback. Michael McPherson, director of the Undergraduate School in Biological Sciences, said: "Our students are likely to be exposed to proponents of creationism and intelligent design. It is essential they understand the historical context and the flaws in the arguments these groups put forward."

Randall Hardy of the Creation Research organisation in the UK said the heyday of Darwinism had probably passed. "What is almost certainly happening is that the secular atheists, who have hijacked science for their own ends, are being found out."

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Cuttings & Comments from **New Scientist**

6 May p.54 Primitive streak

"When is the most important time of your life? Birth, leaving home, marriage, death? None of these, according to British biologist Lewis Wolpert, who singles out a time two weeks or so after the sperm fuses with the egg, when a groove forms on the surface of the growing human embryo - the primitive streak..."

"Why 14 days? It is somewhat arbitrary - early enough to predate any possible development of nervous tissue or sensation, and late enough to allow for IVF research. Is it acceptable? That depends on who you talk to. While many Christians believe that no experiments should be conducted on human embryos at all, other people argue that the 14-day deadline prevents valuable therapeutic research taking place... recommended that the 14-day rule be extended to at least 20 days."

It all turns on whether you believe that humans are evolved primates or created in the image of God. In our June journal *Creation*, we quoted the findings of a task force in South Dakota:

"The task force finds that the new recombinant DNA technologies indisputably prove that the unborn child is a whole human being from the moment of fertilisation, that all abortions terminate the life of a living human being, and that the unborn child is a separate human patient under the care of modern medicine."

This was quoted in *New Scientist* for 18th March this year, page 8, under the heading **"Science, politics, and morality collide"**.

13 May p.9 Soundbites

“Religion needs science to keep it away from superstition and close to reality, to protect it from creationism, which is a kind of paganism.”

Guy Consolmagno of the Vatican observatory in Arizona, and curator of the Vatican meteorite collection in Castel Gandolfo, Italy.

We wonder how this religious scientist feels about his Lord's views about Adam and Eve, Noah and the flood?

20 May p.18 When evolution runs backwards

Darwin's book *On the Origin of Species* is all about variation within a kind. On the Galapagos Islands, Darwin came across finches with different beak sizes on separate islands, depending upon the type of food they had available. He rightly divined that they had descended from one kind of finch and that geographical separation kept them genetically distinct. But this sort of 'micro-evolution' cannot be extended to lead to microbes-to-men series of macro-evolution, as Darwin theorised.

On Santa Cruz Island in the 1960s there were distinct large beaked and small beaked finches, but rarely medium-sized bills (reflecting the diets of two different sizes of seeds). Today birds with medium-sized bills have become more common. The two formerly distinct groups of birds had collapsed into one. People are providing bird feeders filled with rice (pre-soaked, we hope!)

This does not represent a loss of biodiversity, as the evolutionists claim. Further changes in available food will swiftly lead to a reversal of the present trend. The genes are still there, but it is no longer a disadvantage to have an intermediate beak.

27 May p.15 Hobbit brain 'too small' to be new species

Following studies of dwarfism in a range of mammals, some experts now say that the remains found in a cave on the island of Flores in 2004 were that of a modern human suffering from microcephaly. Microcephaly causes an abnormally small cranium. The person had been 1 metre tall with only a 380 cubic centimetre cranial capacity. **“These were sophisticated people, with a high level of mental development. Not only could they make fine tools, they could also care for a microcephalic”.**

The discoverers had claimed the remains were a new species of dwarf *Homo erectus*, but the present study claims that the small brain capacity makes it a modern human suffering from this pathological condition. Researchers calculate that the body of a dwarfed *H. erectus* with a 400cc brain would have been *very* much smaller than 1 metre.

27 May p.16 Mendel would turn in his grave

“RNA as well as DNA can carry information from one generation to another - a violation of Mendelian rules... A team investigated mice that carry different versions of a gene known as *Kit*... When the team examined sperm from males carrying one normal and one variant copy of the *Kit* gene, they were surprised to find that it contained RNA, as well as DNA of the genes. And it is this RNA, the team proposes, that is responsible for the epigenetic effect... how the RNA does this is not known. It could, for example, work by interfering with the way a gene is expressed... These phenomena are likely to be just the tip of the iceberg.” We are more wonderfully made than we know.

3 June p.5 Amen to that

“British schoolchildren from the age of 8 are to be taught to understand the differing claims of science and religion, including the debate between evolutionists and creationists. The initiative, launched by the Oxford-based Science and Religion in Schools Project (www.srsp.net), claims to be the first in the world.”

This will require the teachers to study creationism. Let us hope they go to good creationist sources for their information. At the very least it raises the profile of creation science for the inquisitive youngster.

3 June p.18 A mole’s nose knows the best way through the soil

“Moles feel their way through the dark, subterranean world with their noses, and that takes a very special kind of nose. Their specialised snouts turn out to be exquisitely adapted [read ‘designed’] to balancing the competing demands of being highly sensitive and yet handling the knocks of abrasive soil. The tips of moles’ noses are covered in tiny bumps less than a tenth of a millimetre across... They have a rich supply of nerves... touch receptors.

Each organ consists of a central column of nerves surrounded by a peripheral fringe... the fringe nerve endings are robust pain receptors while the central ones are more delicate touch receptors. This arrangement, they speculate, should allow the moles to detect and avoid obstacles that could damage their more sensitive central nerve endings.”

This seems to be a nicely designed organ for tackling more than one job - avoiding obstacles and sniffing out food. How painful life must have been before it was adapted!

3 June p.35 ff How to live to 100 ... and enjoy it.

The advice includes: **“A life partner, children and good friends are all recommended if you aim to live to 100.”** Genesis 2 tells us that the Creator says that it is not good for man to be alone.

“Having faith” is a bonus (and not just for this life) and humour. **“It turns out that laughing and smiling also reduce cortisol levels. A happier life is likely to be a longer one - and that’s surely something to smile about.”** Solomon tells us that **“A merry heart doeth good like a medicine”**.

10 June p.5 Make the turtles go away...

“Our best attempt at describing the history of the universe - a big bang followed by a super-fast expansion - has observational support, but it creates many questions, and we can’t be sure it is the last word.

“The idea that the universe was born inside a dying star (see page 34) is far from mainstream, and it remains to be seen how it fits with astronomical observations. Yet it comes from reputable [desperate?] scientists, and offers one difficult-to-swallow idea to replace the clutch of problems thrown up by mainstream cosmology. Accept the idea, and mechanisms behind dark energy, inflation, black hole formation and the big bang are all resolved.

“Where the dying star came from, of course, is a mystery. Presumably it was born inside another star, and so on; infinite regressions are not the exclusive reserve of turtle cosmology. But until we have a firmer grip on cosmology, new ideas should be welcomed.”

Anything, that is except **“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”**

24 June p.7 Stand up for evolution

“Sixty-seven scientific academies around the world have signed a statement urging governments, teachers and parents not to tolerate the teaching of creationism in science classes. The InterAcademy Panel on International Issues warned on Wednesday that evidence about the origins and evolution of life is being ‘concealed, denied or confused’.”

So where is this evidence for the origin and evolution of life? It is non-existent. The IPII are clearly rattled that creationism is making inroads. Prayer pulls down strong-holds, casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God. Pray for the work of CSM and the Genesis Expo.

24 June p.19 Webbed fowl hints at bird’s wet past

“A big gap in avian evolution may have been filled - or so a little bird tells us. With webbed feet and a life-style similar to a modern grebe or loon, this little bird is a 110-million-year-old fossil from Gansu province in China, and it hints that modern birds may have had aquatic ancestors... several near-complete skeletons of *Gansus* about 25 centimetres long, and clearly visible feathers. The new fossils show webbed feet, and muscle attachments indicate it lived on water... ‘You wouldn’t have expected something to be so modern so far back into the Cretaceous’, he says.”

So a fossil aquatic bird looking and living like a modern bird is somehow filling a big gap in alleged bird evolution. We would suggest that it was rapidly buried in sediments probably laid down in the flood of Noah. Birds are less dense than Jurassic dinosaurs.

24 June p.23 Bats and horses get strangely chummy

How do they work out evolutionary relatedness? Traditionally, by appearance - morphology. Chimps and oran-utans look as though they are swinging from the same branch of Darwin’s tree of life. However, genetics turned some of these conclusions on their head. Here it is reported that **“bats are more closely related to horses than cows are.”** They looked at genetic mutations caused by retroposons. Closely related species are supposed to share more of these mutations. Fossils of extinct creatures will be beyond the reach of this technique. Most people can not imagine two more different kinds than bats and horses - shape, diet, locomotion. Of course, a war-horse with built-in radar would be a step forward in the arms race.

8 July p.20 On the side of the angels

“This is not to say that all theological interpretations are beyond scientific criticism. A fundamentalist interpretation of the Bible is in clear violation of physical evidence. The Earth is not 10,000 years old; the presently observable universe was not created in seven days; the sun did not stand still in the ancient sky. Scientists can help explain why these literal interpretations of the Bible are not consistent pillars on which to build a faith - at least for anyone who... uses any other technologies that rely on the same laws of nature that tell us why these things are not compatible with the universe in which we live.” What atheist Lawrence Krauss is saying here is that since he knows there is no omnipotent God who can create in six days, then believing the Bible literally is against natural law, unscientific and hence wrong.

22 July p.10 Soundbites

“If your religious orientation is such that you can’t discharge your responsibilities, you should find other work.”

Philosophy professor Ken Kipnis of the University of Hawaii at Manoa, commenting on a trend for health professionals in the US to refuse on religious grounds to help patients seeking an abortion or the morning-after pill.

That is to say, if your morals do not agree with those of the intolerant professor, you shouldn’t be in your chosen profession. Little Hitlers down the millennia have taken such an attitude. See also quote here on p.7.

22 July p.20 Evolution in action, by Darwin’s finches

“A species of Darwin’s finch in the Galapagos has evolved a smaller beak to avoid competing with a larger-billed recent immigrant, possibly the clearest demonstration to date of competition driving evolution of a specific trait.”

As mentioned here on p.8, this is nothing to do with evolution, only variation within a kind. It can be quite rapid.

“During the drought in 1977, when the seeds they normally ate became scarce, the birds evolved larger beaks that enabled them to crack the larger, tougher seeds that remained.”

“When another drought hit in 2003 and 2004, causing the seed crop on Daphne Major to fail again..” yes, you’ve guessed it, the big beakers did better, while the little beakers had to survive on tiny-seeded plants.

“Beak-size changes are common in Darwin’s finches, and plausible explanations are easy to concoct.” The least plausible is that this is ‘Evolution in action by Darwin’s finches’.

29 July p.15 To heal a wound, turn up the voltage

Here are some research results that demonstrate once more that we are fearfully and wonderfully made. Workers in Vienna and Aberdeen **“have demonstrated that natural electric fields and currents in tissue play a vital role in orchestrating the wound-healing process by attracting repair cells to damaged areas.**

“Cells and tissues essentially function as chemical batteries with positively charged potassium ions and negatively charged chloride ions flowing across membranes. This creates electric field patterns all over the body. When tissue is wounded this disrupts the battery, effectively short-circuiting it. Penninger and his colleagues realised that it is the resulting altered fields that attract and guide repair cells to the damaged area.

“The researchers grew layers of mouse cells and larger tissues, such as corneas, in the lab. After ‘wounding’ these tissues, they applied varying electric fields to them, and found they could accelerate or completely halt the healing process depending on the orientation and strength of the field.

“Next they set about finding which genes were involved. They looked at those already known to make repair cells migrate under the influence of chemical growth factors and attractants, and found that their level of expression could be influenced by electric fields. They then focused on one particular gene known to prepare cells for migration, and another that halts the process.” When the team knocked out the migration ‘promoter’/ halting gene, wounds exposed to electric fields healed more slowly / quickly.

Meetings

Lerwick creation meetings, Shetland Islands.

Dr Farid About Rahme will be speaking on the Shetland Islands 24th to 26th August. 'Evidence for Noah's Ark and the Flood,' on the 24th, 'Science and the Bible' 25th, and 'Creation and evolution' on the 26th August. All meetings start at 7:30 pm. Venue will be Lerwick Town Hall Lerwick Shetland Islands.

Lyme Regis

Andrew Sibley will be at Lyme Regis, Dorset, Combe Street Chapel, 4pm, 27th August.

Northants Creation Group meetings Friday/Saturday September 15th/16th. Speaker Geoff Chapman (Creation Resources Trust). Subjects tba.

Daventry, 7.30pm on 15th;

Duke St Evangelical Church - Men's Breakfast - 8.00am on 16th;

Abbey Centre, Northampton - 7.30pm on 16th.

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Pilgrims Hall, Brentwood, Essex

Andrew Sibley and Kevin Tuck will be at Pilgrims Hall Brentwood Essex on the 23rd September 2006. 10am to 4:30pm
Title; Creator God. Contact tel. 01277 372206 for more information.

Neath, South Wales

Kevin Tuck will be at Neath Old Town Hall, Thursday 12th October at 7pm.

Title; Evolution and Idolatory

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Binfield, near Bracknell, Berks

Kevin Tuck, Andrew Sibley and Dr David Rosevear will be at Newbold Church Saturday 25th November, 3pm to 8pm

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