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1. DINO HORNS HONKED FOR EVOLUTION according to an article in International Business Times 8 Mar 2007. Michael Ryan, curator of vertebrate palaeontology at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History has found a new horned dinosaur Alberta Canada. The fossil is type of Ceratopsid – the horned dinosaurs. It has been named "Albertaceratops nesmoi" after the region it was found in and a rancher named Cecil Nesmo who has helped fossil hunters. Its horns are as thick as a human arm, like those of triceratops, but it belongs to a subfamily that usually has tiny horns. The fossil has been dated as being 78 million years old, which puts it in between the oldest horned dinosaur in North America, the Zuniceratops at 90 million years old and triceratops around 68 million years. Because the new fossil's horns are smaller than the older fossils, which have really large horns but larger than the small horned specimens that appear later, it is considered to be an intermediate form in an evolutionary progression. Utah palaeontologists Jim Kirkland, who found the large horned Zuniceratops predicted that something like the new horned fossil would be found. He commented: "low and behold, evolutionary theory really works."

International Business Times article: <http://ibtimes.com/apnews/20070304/new-dinosaur.htm>

ED.COM. Let's think about this argument: first they found Dino "long-horns," then they found Dino "short-horns", then somebody guessed there should be Dino "in-between-horns," and now that they have found it, this is proof evolution theory works? Truly amazing! This editor has seen Texas longhorn cows, Illawara short horned cows, and mid-sized horned Friesians, (even some polled cows with no horns)- all in the same enclosure at the Royal Agricultural show, and to think I and didn't recognize the proof of evolution. (ref kind, variation, degeneration)

2. RACES: DID YOU KNOW race is a word that came into English in the 1500's via the French (1066 and all that), who took it from the Italian word razza (old latin), meaning breeding stock, which is possibly from the older Arabic 'ra' meaning head (Hebrew 'rosh'). In the 1500's it even included different wine "races". By the 1600's it meant any family, tribe or nation with common characteristics, and by the 1774 it referred to distinct human groups. In Biology it refers to the classification of a sub species group. (Source Websters, Oxford, Wikipaedia, Online entymological dictionary)

ED.COM. RACE is therefore NOT an evolutionary term since it predates Darwin and even his evolutionist Grandfather Erasmus. So there are as many races of man as there are nations or tribes that can be distinguished. But racism as a concept doesn't appear until after Darwin in ..... (ref. origin, skin, racial.)

3. CREATION MUSEUMS NOW IN Hong Kong, Portsmouth UK, Alberta Canada, Montana, Kentucky and Texas USA. No wonder evolutionists are getting worried. Click <http://www.creationtruth.org/museumphotoupdate.htm> to see the Creation Dinosaur Museum in Montana our joint FACT / Creation Research Dino Digs collected bones for.

4. CHIMP STONE AGE reported in news@nature 12 Feb 2007, BBC News online 13 Feb 2007 and New Scientist 17 Feb 2007. Archaeologists have found stone tools in the rainforests of West Africa they believe were made and used by chimpanzees about 4,300 years ago. The tools are rock pieces similar to chunks of rock that modern day chimps have been observed to use to crack nut open. University of Calgary scientists dated the rocks by using radiocarbon dating on charcoal from the soil in which they were found. They also analysed nut starch found on the stones and found that it came from panda nuts – a type of nut commonly eaten by chimps but not humans. Archaeologist Huw Barton, of the University of Leicester commented: "What makes this find interesting is that the rocks are so old. For all we know stone tool use behaviour could be very ancient." The scientists who did the analysis, claimed the stones are evidence that humans and chimps both inherited tool using ability from a common evolutionary ancestor. Julio Mercader, who led the study, commented: "The simplest, most parsimonious explanation to having two lineages using bashing technologies is that both inherited it, rather than inventing it."

BBC article: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/6356773.stm>

ED. COM. Chimps are not the only animals to use "bashing technology" or tools to get food. Otters use rocks to pry open shells of molluscs and Egyptian vultures throw rocks at ostrich eggs to break them open. However, no-one would claim that otters and vultures inherited this ability from a common ancestor with either chimps or men. Using tools is a behaviour that many animals and birds are capable of, and is learned by successive generations. If chimps have been doing it for the claimed 4,300 years then it is just more evidence that chimps reproduce after their kind, repeating the same behaviour with each generations. (Ref. apes, diet, learning)

5. SPEAR WIELDING CHIMPS GO HUNTING, according to a report in BBC News Online, 22 Feb 2007 and Science News 3 Mar 2007. Researchers in Senegal have observed chimpanzees making spears from tree branches and then using them to hunt monkeys. The chimps broke branches off trees and trimmed the leaves and bark. Some also sharpened one end using their teeth. They then used these to prise small monkeys, such as bush babies, from hollows in trees. The hunting behaviour was mainly seen in females and young chimps, rather than older males. The researchers suggest this is because young chimps spend more time with their mothers and learn from them. The researchers concluded that their findings "support a theory that females may have played a similarly important role in the evolution of tool technology among early humans."

BBC article: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/6387611.stm>

Science news article: <http://www.sciencenews.org/articles/20070303/fob2.asp>

ED. COM. The idea that chimps' behaviour explains human behaviour does not even make sense in evolutionary terms. Why should the behaviour of chimps, who lived in a forest, have any influence on supposed human ancestors out evolving on the savannah? The real significance of these observations is that it shows that far from being the happy, friendly almost human vegetarians, chimpanzees are large dangerous animals which provide evidence that Bible is right when it says (REF???) that the whole earth has become affected by the conflict and corruption which has passed onto all creation as a result of mans fall into sin and the consequent degeneration of the world that has affected all animals, chimps included. (Ref. apes, diet, behaviour)

6. CARNIVOROUS COW EATS CHICKENS, according to an article from Reuters, 8 Mar 2007. Ajit Ghosh, who lives in a remote West Bengal village was disturbed when 48 of his chickens disappeared over a month. He suspected they were being taken by dogs, so he and his family kept watch one night over the shed where the chickens were kept. The shed also housed their calf, and the family, who are Hindus and regard cows as sacred animals, were shocked to see the calf scooping up and eating a few chickens "with the precision of a jungle cat".

News article: <http://www.news.com.au/story/0,23599,21345405-13762,00.html>

ED.COM. All this brings back memories of this editors time spent in outback Australia during a bad drought when firstly the grass died, so next the rabbits died. This left any surviving cattle with only one option - eating dried rabbits, which they then proceeded to do. Of course we are waiting for the day when a scientist writes up on a paper the discovery of buried rabbit bones with cow chew marks on, and proposes a thesis on carnivorous cows evolving in Australia. The reality is most animals have enough brains to eat what they need in order to survive when they can't get what they want. I'm also reminded of the chickens I have kept over my many years. It is very evident that these creatures which do not have teeth and therefore cannot chew their grain, will happily resort to eating animals such as mice when they get peckish if grain is rare. This story also reminds us of the time after Noah's flood when God warned Noah that the climate was changing and for then on there would be harsh conditions, such as hot summers and freezing cold winters. This meant that there would not be enough plant food for human needs and God gave man permission to eat meat.

Animals that had previously been vegetarians also took to eating meat in order to survive. Some made the transition quickly and have become known as carnivores. Others have been observed to make the transitional more recently and some animals just eat whatever is available. (Ref. Diet, vegans, environment)

7. CONVERGENT COLOUR LOSS IN COLUMBINES described in Science vol. 314, p1842, 22 Dec 2007 and Molecular Ecology, vol. 15, p4645. Columbines, also known as Aquilegias, are traditional cottage garden flowers that come in many colours, including white. Many columbine species have white varieties, and these are believed to be an adaptation to pollination by hawkmoths. Because white flowers occur in several different species they are considered to be an example of convergent evolution. The colour in the flower petals is due to pigments called anthocyanins. White flowers do not produce anthocyanins. University of California scientists have studied the genes involved in flower colour production in 13 species of columbines. They found "six independent losses and no gain of floral anthocyanins." Some of the losses involved control genes, rather than genes for enzymes. Claudia Voelckel, one of the researchers, commented: we conclude a lack of convergence at the molecular level when phenotypic convergence results in the loss as opposed to the gain of a trait." Some genes in the anthocyanin pathway seemed to be unaffected because they seemed to also be used in protecting plants against UV light, insect attack and disease.

ED. COM. Did you note that white flower colour is due to loss of functions, and not gain. This study shows what chance random processes really do to biochemical systems. They wreck them. They do not improve them. The "lack of convergence" is simply explained by the fact that there are many ways of making a multi-step system go wrong. The fact that they all result in white flowers is because white is the result of loss of function for many of the steps in the biochemical pathway. This study confirms that convergent evolution is just techno-speak for saying that things that live in a similar environment have similar features and it in no way explains how they got these features. (Ref. flowers, pigments, biochemistry)

8. WHITE GRAPE GENE FOUND, according to a report in CSIRO Science Alert 3 Mar 2007 and The Australian, 5 Mar, p7. Scientists have identified the genes that determine whether grapes are white or red. There are two genes that differ in red and white varieties. Japanese scientists had previously found a gene that controls the production of anthocyanins (grape colour pigments) and the CSIRO scientists have now found another gene involved in the colour production pathway that is different in red and white varieties. Mandy Walker of CSIRO Plant Industry laboratory, Adelaide, Australia, who led the new study explained: "Our research suggests that extremely rare and independent mutations in two genes produced a single white grapevine that was the parent of almost all of the world's white grape varieties. If only one gene had been mutated, most grapes would still be red and we would not have the more than 3000 white grape cultivars available today."

CSIRO article: <http://www.sciencealert.com.au/gene-for-grape-colour-discovered.html>

ED. COM. Grapes may have changed from red to white, but the change involved a loss of genetic information – the opposite of evolution. In spite of the hundreds of cultivars of grapes they are provably all the one kind, and do only produce grapes. This is exactly what you would expect to happen based on Genesis, which tells us God created living things to reproduce according to their kinds. Grapes still do this, in spite of losing a few genes. The loss of genes also fits Genesis, which tells us the world has been going from creation to degeneration due to human sin and God's judgement. (Ref. fruit, colour, genetics)

9. ANGLICAN BISHOP APPALLED, according to Anglican News (Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn, Australia) March 2007, p2. In a response to Richard Dawkins' book "The God Delusion", Bishop George Browning writes: "Like you (Richard Dawkins) I am appalled by the teachings of creationism and of intelligent design. My reason for taking the teaching seriously rather than dismissing it as irrelevant, is that I am afraid children will either grow up as bigots, or will throw away the treasure of their faith altogether, as you would wish them to do." He goes on to say: "All serious scholars accept the first 11 chapters of Genesis as pre-history more akin to the dreamtime of our own aboriginal people, or the pre-history of many other nations. To call these stories myths is not to say they are untrue but to say their written style encourages the reader to enter truth which could never be conveyed in a literal story (in the same manner Jesus teaches through parables)." Later in the article the Bishop writes: "While I understand some evangelicals teach a substitutional theory of the atonement which is probably as embarrassing to me as it is offensive to you, when taught as the main insight into the nature of God: I accept the Cross as the ultimate standard of love, sacrifice, humility, forgiveness and self-giving."

ED. COM. Bishop George is consistent in his thinking. By rejecting the reality of the early chapters of Genesis he has rejected the fact that God made a very good world with no death, and that one man Adam, brought sin and into the world, and physical death is the penalty for that sin. Therefore, the Bishop does not understand that the innocent Jesus Christ who didn't sin, died to pay the penalty for sin that the one guilty

man Adam brought into the world and which we have all inherited. Jesus did not die just to be an example of "love, sacrifice, humility, forgiveness and self-giving."

The Apostle Paul writes in Romans 5:12 "Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned" and in I Corinthians 15:21-22 "For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive." Many evangelical Christians claim that it doesn't matter what you believe about Genesis, as long as you believe that Christ died for your sins. However this view is inconsistent, and sceptics like Richard Dawkins know it and exploit it to pour scorn on Christians. The current generation is being brought up to believe that death and struggle were always in the world, there is no such thing as original sin, and man is a rising creature who can save himself from the mess the world is in. Therefore, it is easy for them to reject the Saviour. Anglican Theological colleges such as Moore in Australia and others world wide, that refuse to teach the historical reality of Genesis should not be surprised that a sceptical world is rejecting the reality of salvation by Christ's death and resurrection. (Ref. theology, atheism, evolution)

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12. KRISHNIANITY FAVOURS INTELLIGENT DESIGN as a 2006 meeting between John Mackay and University academics in Hungary brought to light an interesting phenomenon. The ID movement has made leaps and bounds in some ex-communist countries, but the fact that it is not a Christian movement shows in its embracement by groups such as the Krishnas. Naturalistic, materialistic evolution undermines their desire for spirituality and a motivational meaning to existence. Intelligent Design - without any reference to the person of the God who did the creating - fits well the whole religion of Krishna. ID gives you fuzzy gods whom you get to define thus making yourself a god also. Those who think they can talk about the creation without making reference to the Creator, fail in the most basic and profound philosophical starting point. You cannot even begin to recognise any evidence of creation, until you have some concept of the characteristics of the being doing the creating. For example, is he/she/it intelligent? Does he design? How would you recognise intelligent design? Is it the same as yours? Why do you assume you are intelligent enough to recognize the being/beings intelligence? For that matter, how would you distinguish unintelligent or materialistic design from intelligent or good design - particularly if you are the result of it? Again we warn people that Intelligent Design is actually an enemy of Christianity until its gets round to humbling itself before the Creator, who is the Christ, the Lord Jehovah, Elohim, Jesus Saviour Redeemer and God.

13. SCIENCE AND RELIGION - great item on [http://www.albertmohler.com/blog\\_read.php?id=871](http://www.albertmohler.com/blog_read.php?id=871)

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