

Evidence News 03/10 – 28th April 2010AD

WELCOME TO A MOSTLY MAN Evidence News with EDitorial COMment for April 2010 from Creation Research worldwide and don't miss the great USA Fossil Camps as well as the report 'Dawkins Shoots Himself'. The team has been very busy worldwide with our Ontario Creation Research Museum's Martin Legemaate reporting a very successful opening day for the start of the tourist season in the Northern Hemisphere. Now read on and enjoy.

Evidence News comes to you in PDF format so you need Adobe Reader which is freely available from www.adobe.com. This week's Evidence News Index follows - to view the entire e-news please click <http://www.creationresearch.net/enews/ENEWS0310-100428.pdf> (if the link doesn't work just copy and paste it into your web browser).

(Please Note: within the PDF file you can click on the Index Line to go directly to the news item.)

© Creation Research 2010

INDEX

1. **TEN DAY FOSSIL TRIP**
2. **FOURTEEN DAY GREAT AUSSIE OUTBACK TOUR**
3. **TOOWOOMBA FOSSIL FINDING FIELD TRIP**
4. **BRISBANE READERS DON'T MISS JOHN MACKAY**
5. **USA – TWO WEEKS OF FOSSIL TRIPS**
6. **TRUST PRESS REPORTS ON MISSING LINKS?**
7. **DAWKINS SHOOTS HIMSELF**
8. **DAWKINS CHALLENGE TO CHURCH EVOLUTIONISTS**
9. **OZ VS POLE – ICE WINS AGAIN**
10. **BEST CANDIDATE FOR HOMO ANCESTOR FOUND**
11. **Y CHROMOSOME CHALLENGES DECAY THEORY**
12. **MUTATIONS ARE US**
13. **STONE TOOLS INCREASE HOBBIT AGE**
14. **DARWINIAN SELECTION IN JAPANESE GUTS**
15. **NEANDERTHALS AT HOME**
16. **SURVIVAL OF THE KINDEST**
17. **PRE-MARITAL COHABITING INCREASES DIVORCE**
18. **CREATION RESEARCH MARRIAGE RESOURCES**
19. **WOMEN ARE STILL EVOLVING**
20. **UPDATED CLIMATE ANALYSIS FROM PHYSICIST DR HEINZ LYCKLAMA**
21. **DONATIONS TO HELP CREATION RESEARCH WORLDWIDE**

IF YOU no longer wish to receive our updates please reply with REMOVE EN in the subject. To assist us please include your name as well as e-mail address (and organisation name, if any).

1. **TEN DAY FOSSIL TRIP** in July for \$1600 - from our Gympie fossil flood log jam site to the fabulous polystrate trees in the Newcastle coal fields on the east coast of Australia. Great collecting, fun and fellowship, as well as Bible teaching. Book now - details on www.creationresearch.net HOME PAGE left.
2. **FOURTEEN DAY GREAT AUSSIE OUTBACK TOUR** in August - HALF FULL so check out the details on www.creationresearch.net HOME PAGE left.
3. **TOOWOOMBA FOSSIL FINDING FIELD TRIP** on 8th May - chance to check out more fossil log jam sites. The trip starts at Christlife Presbyterian Church Cnr Greenwattle and South Sts, Glenvale 9am to 4pm. Cost: \$25 pp or \$55 per family (children must be 10 years & over and be with an adult). Book at: info@creationresearch.net or phone 07 3206 4467.
4. **BRISBANE READERS DON'T MISS JOHN MACKAY**
 - a) 2nd May – Albany Creek - Good Shepherd Baptist Church, 185 Old Northern Road.

Evidence News 03/10 – 28th April 2010AD

Topics: 9:15am Adult Study "The Life is in the Blood"

10:30am Genesis 1 and 2.

6:00 pm How to Recognise a Creation- the evidence great Q and A

Details **Nathan Lloyd** (07) 3264 3476

b) 9th May – Redbank Plains - Grace Christian Church, 1 School Road,

Services at 9:30 am *Creating Mum* and 6.30 pm *Noah's Flood Australian Evidence*.

Details **David Smith** 0409 272 007 Email: david@gracecc.com.au

5. USA – TWO WEEKS OF FOSSIL TRIPS: October 11th-15th or 18th-22nd 2010. Book now for a week of wonderful Bible teaching and fossil tripping in Tennessee's magnificent Cumberland Plateau in October. Join John Mackay, Robert Stewart and Robert Powell for the real evidence on Noah's Flood and Creation. *Cost:* 1 person \$160, married couple \$280, married couple with one child \$350; with two children \$400, with three children \$450, four or more children \$500 (maximum cost). *Contact Email:* clcstaff@cedarlakecamp.org. *Find Registration Form:* www.cedarlakecamp.org (go to the "Camps" page and find the OCTOBER link).

6. TRUST PRESS REPORTS ON MISSING LINKS? Early UK press leaks said: 'A "missing link" between humans and their apelike ancestors has been discovered', reported Richard Gray, daily Telegraph Science correspondent 03 Apr 2010. he wrote: "The new discovery could help to rewrite the history of human evolution by filling in crucial gaps in the scientific knowledge. Most fossilised hominid remains are little more than scattered fragments of bone, so **the discovery of an almost-complete skeleton** will allow scientists to answer key questions about what our early ancestors looked like and when they began walking upright on two legs."¹

By Friday April 9 2010, the Australian Newspaper's front page reported: "**TWO BOYS CLOSE THE EVOLUTIONARY GAP**"

MEANWHILE unknown to most of the public the Science Media reported: "The juvenile is the most complete australopithecine yet found from the period: includes much of the **skull and large parts of an arm, leg and pelvis**."² A far cry from the almost complete skeleton of the first press leaks.

BUT the actual Scientific paper revealed the alleged fossil boys' brain size was 420 cc compared to Lucy (A. afarensis 415 cc) and modern chimp around 400cc. It was also stated that the juveniles' arm/ leg ratio is that of a chimp and it has a thumb on its foot like a chimp.³ Which reminds us of the old saying; "If it waddles like a duck, and quacks like a duck – it's not a pussy!"

NOW for what was actually said by the finder Lee R Berger: "It is most likely descended from A. africanus," Berger writes. However, after comparing the new discovery with previously known fossils, he found it "not possible to establish the precise phylogenetic position of A. sediba in relation to the various species assigned to early Homo".⁴

You can reach your own conclusions about media agendas! Full details of find in Item **BEST CANDIDATE FOR HOMO ANCESTOR FOUND** below. (Ref atheism, evolutionism, anti-creation)

¹ <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/science/evolution/7550033/Missing-link-between-man-and-apes-found.html>

² **Almost human: closest australopithecine primate found** 18:16 08 April 2010:
<http://www.newscientist.com/article/dn18753-almost-human-closest-australopithecine-primate-found.html>

³ SCIENCE 9 APRIL 2010 VOL 328 www.sciencemag.org
Australopithecus sediba: A New Species of Homo-Like Australopith from South Africa by Lee R. Berger,1,2* Darryl J. de Ruiter,3,1 Steven E. Churchill,4,1 Peter Schmid,5,1 Kristian J. Carlson,1,6 Paul H. G. M. Dirks,2,7 Job M. Kibii1

⁴ New Scientist, online article, 12 April 2010 <http://www.newscientist.com/article/dn18753-almost-human-closest-australopithecine-primate-found.html>

7. DAWKINS SHOOTS HIMSELF in the foot again with his shonkey fronkey story in his book *The Greatest Show on Earth*, (Bantam Press, 2009, pp 151-154) Richard Dawkins accuses creationists of asking: “*Why doesn’t the fossil record contain a fronkey?*” (quote marks his). He then goes on to state:

“... it is a disgrace that the perpetrator of this little witlessness, the Australian itinerate preacher John Mackay, has been touring British schools in 2008 and 2009, masquerading as a ‘geologist’, teaching innocent children that if evolution were true the fossil record should contain ‘fronkeys’.” (quote marks around ‘geologist’ and ‘fronkeys’ are in original)

Dawkins further perpetrates this accusation against John Mackay in the product description of his book on the Amazon UK website. In the section headed “From the Author”, Dawkins presents a series of questions and answers including “*Why doesn’t the fossil record contain a fronkey, or a crocoduck?*”

Dawkins replies:

“The question betrays a lamentable confusion about what evolution means. Yet such questions really have been truculently asked, in all earnestness, by creationists: for example the Australian creationist John Mackay, who is regularly invited to preach to British schoolchildren ... The question presumes that evolutionists ought to find an intermediate between pairs of modern animals, such as frog and monkey, or crocodile and duck”.

See: <http://tinyurl.com/Amazon-GSOE>

ED. COM. Until we saw it in Dawkins’ book, neither John Mackay nor any of the Creation Research team had ever used the word “fronkey”, so we were intrigued as to where Dawkins got this idea from, as he does not provide a direct reference to John Mackay or any Creation Research publications. In the notes at the back of the book he does mention a *Sydney Morning Herald* (SMH) article, 7 May 2006. All other blog and web postings connecting fronkeys and Mackay that we tracked down can be traced to this same SMH article by Annabel Crabb, entitled ‘*Darwin’s evolutionary theory is a tottering nonsense, built on too many suppositions*’. (quote marks in original). Crabb was writing about John Mackay’s meetings in Britain in April and May 2006. This article contains the following statement and hypothetical question:

Put simply, Mackay’s belief - and it’s one that is firmly entrenched in the US, where President George Bush advocates its ventilation in schools - is that Darwin’s evolutionary theory is a tottering nonsense, built on too many suppositions and not enough evidence.

If so many species evolved from the shapeless creatures of the primordial slime, if people came from monkeys via frogs and fish, then why does the fossil record not contain a “fronkey”? See:

<http://tinyurl.com/SMH-Mackay>

The question was clearly written by the SMH journalist and is clearly not a quote from John Mackay. Since no one at the meeting heard John Mackay ask such a question, and no one heard him use the word “fronkey”, then who is journalist Annabel Crabb quoting, or has she created the word herself by deliberate intelligent design?

To give you the full context Crabb continued her article by accurately telling everyone:

“Mackay, who was originally educated as a geologist and devout Darwinist at the University of Queensland, experienced a conversion while working as a teacher and now tears down his former beliefs with the seamless enthusiasm of a zealot.

“Charles Darwin actually graduated in theology, which is a little-known, well-kept secret,” he tells his audience. “He knew exactly what he was trying to disprove.”

As a university professor, Dawkins should know that if you are going criticise what someone has said or written, you need to show that the person actually stated what you are criticising, and give the reference to that person, not a secondary source. Dawkins has clearly not done this, as the word “fronkey” does not appear in any Creation Research writing (until now) or other media we

produce, and has never been used by John Mackay in any interviews or presentations around the globe.

If Dawkins was a first-year university student submitting an essay, he would, quite rightly, be rebuked for using such poor research methods. He is, however, a retired Oxford University professor, therefore, his sloppiness which has led to this false accusation is inexcusable, and he rightly owes John Mackay an apology for slandering his name, and an *erratum* slip placed in his book *The Greatest Show on Earth*, plus a statement on Amazon stating he is wrong about Mackay. We wait with eagerness to see the results of this test of his honesty. (Ref. atheism, Darwinism, fraud)

8. DAWKINS CHALLENGE TO THEISTIC EVOLUTIONISTS. In his book *The Greatest Show on Earth*, (Bantam Press, 2009, pp7-8) Richard Dawkins issues this rebuke to church leaders and theologians who claim to believe in both evolution and the Scriptures:

“To return to the enlightened bishops and theologians, it would be nice if they'd put a bit more effort into combating the anti-scientific nonsense that they deplore. All too many preachers, while agreeing that evolution is true and Adam and Eve never existed, will then blithely go into the pulpit and make some moral or theological point about Adam and Eve in their sermons without once mentioning that, of course, Adam and Eve never actually existed! If challenged, they will protest that they intended a purely 'symbolic' meaning, perhaps something to do with 'original sin', or the virtues of innocence. They may add witheringly that, obviously, nobody would be so foolish as to take their words literally. But do their congregations know that? How is the person in the pew, or on the prayer-mat, supposed to know which bits of scripture to take literally, which symbolically? Is it really so easy for an uneducated churchgoer to guess? In all too many cases the answer is clearly no, and anybody could be forgiven for feeling confused. If you don't believe me, look at the Appendix.

Think about it, Bishop. Be careful, Vicar. You are playing with dynamite, fooling around with a misunderstanding that's waiting to happen - one might even say almost bound to happen if not forestalled. Shouldn't you take greater care, when speaking in public, to let your yea be yea and your nay be nay? Lest ye fall into condemnation, shouldn't you be going out of your way to counter that already extremely widespread popular misunderstanding and lend active and enthusiastic support to scientists and science teachers?”

ED. COM. Richard Dawkins is far more consistent in his beliefs than church leaders who claim to believe the Bible and evolution, especially those who claim to be evangelicals. Dawkins knows that anyone who claims the story of Adam and Eve is just symbolic you have to ask the question: symbolic of what? It can't be evolution, because in the evolutionary story there is no original good world, no original disobedience, and no curse of physical death as judgement. According to evolution death is part of the process that produced man. Dawkins like his idol Darwin knows that if evolution is true then Genesis is not symbolic – it is false! Church leaders who teach evolution is true yet want to cling to the moral points of Adam and Eve, are at best fools and at worst deceivers.

Dawkins' idol Charles Darwin, who was trained in Theology, made this same point in his autobiography, when he wrote: “Whilst on board the Beagle I was quite orthodox, and I remember being heartily laughed at by several of the officers (though themselves orthodox) for quoting the Bible as an unanswerable authority on some point of morality. I suppose it was the novelty of the argument that amused them. But I had gradually come, by this time, to see that the Old Testament from its manifestly false history of the world, with the Tower of Babel, the rainbow as a sign, etc., etc., and from its attributing to God the feelings of a revengeful tyrant, was no more to be trusted than the sacred books of the Hindoos, (*sic*) or the beliefs of any barbarian.” (Nora Barlow, ed. *The autobiography of Charles Darwin, 1809-1882: with original omissions restored*. New York, W.W. Norton, 1969, p85) (Ref. theistic evolution, atheism, Darwinism)

9. OZ VS POLE – ICE WINS AGAIN, according to Andrew Bolt, *Herald Sun*, 21 April 2010. In spite of repeated warnings that the Arctic Ice cap is melting away, over the last four years polar

adventurers have been overwhelmed by ice and extreme freezing temperatures and have had to be rescued before they died of frostbite and hypothermia. In 2007 Ann Bancroft and Liv Arnesen, had to call off an expedition designed to provide photographic evidence of global warming after the extreme cold caused frostbite and drained their batteries. They were so convinced the ice was melting they were prepared to don body suits and swim through areas where polar ice has melted. According to a *Washington Post* article about their rescue, "They were experiencing temperatures that weren't expected with global warming."

Last year British "eco-explorer" Pen Hadow and his team had to be rescued from extreme sub-zero temperatures, and the year before that "eco-adventurer" Lewis Gordon Pugh was thwarted by 1000km of ice between him and the North Pole. According to Bolt, Pugh "planned to kayak 1200km to the North Pole to raise awareness of how global warming had allegedly melted the ice sheet so badly that scientists warned the North Pole that summer could be ice-free." The most recent aborted polar expedition is Western Australian adventurer Tom Smitheringale, who was attempting to trek alone to the North Pole, but was rescued by Canadian soldiers after falling through an ice floe and suffering frostbite. Smitheringale's aim was to raise money for a medical charity, but he does have an article about global warming causing the northern polar ice to melt in the background information on his website. Andrew Bolt commented: "The fact is that when Arctic rescuers must save more people from global warming stunts than from global warming itself, it's time to heed again the words of Franklin D. Roosevelt. 'We have nothing to fear but fear itself.'"

Andrew Bolt: <http://www.heraldsun.com.au/opinion/another-polar-rescue-must-send/story-e6frfhqf-1225856131380>

Washington Post: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/03/12/AR2007031200997.html>

Smitheringale: <http://www.onemanepic.com/history.php>

ED. COM. Normally northern Polar ice starts to decrease as the Northern Hemisphere winter ends. However, this year the ice was still growing at the end of March. According to the National Snow and Ice Data Center, "Arctic sea ice reached its maximum extent for the year on March 31 at 15.25 million square kilometers (5.89 million square miles). This was the latest date for the maximum Arctic sea ice extent since the start of the satellite record in 1979." See "Cold snap causes late-season growth spurt," 6 April 2010, <http://nsidc.org/arcticseaicenews/index.html>. Whilst we are pleased no one died in any of these failed expeditions, we can't help but laugh at the extreme measures people will take in the name of man-made global warming. We will quote a higher authority than Franklin D. Roosevelt, "In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps." Proverbs 16:9 (Ref. climate, sea-ice, weather)

10. BEST CANDIDATE FOR HOMO ANCESTOR FOUND, according to BBC News 8 April 2010, and *Science*, vol. 328, p154 & 195, 9 April 2010. Palaeontologists in South Africa have found two partial skeletons of a new species of *Australopithecus* that "may be the best candidate yet for the immediate ancestor of our genus, *Homo*." They have been given the name *Australopithecus sediba* and have been dated as being 2 million years old. The bones are from two individuals: a juvenile of estimated age 11 to 12, and an adult female. The juvenile partial skeleton includes a large part of a skull, along with parts of the right arm and leg, pieces of pelvis, a few vertebrae and rib fragments and one toe and one finger. The adult bones include the right arm and shoulder, and small pieces of bone from around the knees ankles and feet. From these bones the researchers concluded the creature was about 1.3m tall with very long arms, curved fingers and a small brain of about 420 cubic centimetre – features similar to other Australopithecines, but had smaller teeth, longer legs, hip bones more suited to upright stance than other Australopithecines. Because of the teeth, hips and legs some evolutionary biologists have suggested the fossils should be classified as a *Homo* species. Colin Groves of Australian National University commented: "In fact, the authors (of the report in *Science*) themselves pointed to certain similarities with early *Homo*, seeming even to admit that the predominance of its features were with *Homo*, only the small cranial capacity being really an "australopithecine" feature," he commented. But we now know of *Homo floresiensis* ("the Hobbit") with the cranial capacity more or less the same as the new species."

BBC: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/8609192.stm>

ED. COM. As we have said many times, the name *Australopithecus* means “southern ape”. Therefore, by their own admission, these scientists have found a dead ape. The fact that Australopithecines are extinct does not mean they evolved into humans. Furthermore, if Colin Groves thinks this new fossil is similar to the Hobbit, then that is further confirmation of our Creation Research prediction that the Hobbit is really an ape, rather than a human. (See “More Hobbit Bones Found” in Fact File in www.evidencweb.net) (Ref. anthropology, hominid, ape-man)

11. Y CHROMOSOME CHALLENGES DECAY THEORY, according to ScienceNOW 13 Jan 2010 and Nature, vol. 463, p536, 28 Jan 2010. The Y chromosome is the male sex determining chromosome, and because it is a very small chromosome with not many genes apart from those involved in male reproductive functions, evolutionary biologists believe its small size is the result of a long period of genetic decay and gene loss. According to this theory human and chimp Y chromosomes should be very similar as humans and chimps are supposed to share a long evolutionary history with only a brief period of evolutionary separation from a common ancestor. A group of researchers from various American universities and the Academic Medical Centre, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, have sequenced the chimp Y chromosome and compared it to the human Y chromosome, and made a careful study of the male determining part of the chromosome, known as the MSY region. They found that “Contrary to the decelerating decay theory, the chimpanzee and human MSYs differ markedly in sequence structure.” Chimpanzees only have two-thirds of the genes present in the human MSY but chimps had other sequences not found in humans. Because humans and chimps are believe to be 98% overall the same genetically, the researchers wrote: “We conclude that, since the separation of the chimpanzee and human lineages, sequence gain and loss have been far more concentrated in the MSY than in the balance of the genome. Moreover, the MSY sequences retained in both lineages have been extraordinarily subject to rearrangement: whole-chromosome dot-plot comparison of chimpanzee and human MSYs shows marked differences in gross structure which contrasts starkly with chromosome 21, the only other chromosome comprehensively mapped and sequenced in both species. Contrary to the decelerating decay theory, the chimpanzee and human MSYs differ markedly in sequence structure.”

ED. COM. In spite of all the claims that the Y Chromosome is evolving itself out of existence, all studies of it show that it is a fully functioning chromosome, well designed to carry out its role in the genome, with built in back-up systems for maintaining the genetic information it carries. Furthermore, the differences between human and chimp chromosomes are another reminder of the falseness of the claim humans are 98% the same as chimpanzees. The study of Chromosome 21 referred to by the researchers revealed 83% of 231 genes on the chimp chromosome would produce different amino acid sequences than their human counterparts. (See “Chimp Genes 83% Non-Human” in the www.evidencweb.net Fact File) The results of these detailed chromosome studied are exactly what you would expect if the genome of each kind of living organism was created by God, who made males and females and designed them to multiply after their kind, as described in Genesis. We predict that when each chromosome is studied in detail more differences will be found, especially as we learn about way genes are turned on and off, which is just as important for body structure and function as the genes themselves. For further information about previous studies, search for “Chromosomes” in the Fact File in www.evidencweb.net. (Ref. genetics, ape, sex, gender)

12. MUTATIONS ARE US, according to reports in BBC News 2 Sept 2009, and Current Biology 15 Sept 2009. Researchers in China and England have looked at thousands of genes in the Y chromosomes of two Chinese men who were known to have shared a common ancestor who was born in 1805. They looked at the number of differences between the two men, and considering the size of the human genome, the researchers have estimated that each person carries between 100 and 200 new mutations. The BBC article reports: “New mutations can occasionally lead to severe diseases like cancer. It is hoped that the findings may lead to new ways to reduce mutations and provide insights into human evolution.”

Joseph Nadeau, of Case Western Reserve University in the US, who was not involved in this study, commented: “New mutations are the source of inherited variation, some of which can lead to disease and dysfunction, and some of which determine the nature and pace of evolutionary change.” He went on to say: “These are exciting times. We are finally obtaining good reliable estimates of genetic features that are urgently needed to understand who we are genetically.” BBC: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/8227442.stm>

ED. COM. Can you see the major inconsistency with evolutionist logic? If they really believe that mutations make humans evolve, why do they want to reduce them? The stark reality is that mutations cause disease and death, and no-one has observed a mutation that improved human life. Mutations are a reminder that the human genome is degenerating, or devolving, not evolving upwards. This is exactly what you would expect if it started out perfect, but has been going downhill ever since God judged the first man’s disobedience with death, and our sinful rebellion via drugs etc has only worsened the situation. **WE PREDICT** based on the Biblical record, that in the next 20 years the total number of human mutations in families will increase and therefore we will see new diseases and deformities – and NO evolution at all! (Ref. genetics, genes, devolution)

13. STONE TOOLS INCREASE HOBBIT AGE, according to reports in ScienceNOW 17 Mar 2010 and ABC News in Science 18 Mar 2010. In 2004 the bones of a creature nicknamed the Hobbit were found in a cave on the Indonesian island of Flores. Even though it had a chimp sized brain and ape-like body size and proportions it was classified as Homo, i.e. a new type of human species. The reasons for this classification included a young date for the bones were dated as being (about 18,000 years) and the previous finding of stone tools on the island. Michael Morwood of the University of Wollongong and colleagues have now found a collection of 48 stone tools at another site on the island these have been dated as being between 1.02 to 1.08 million years old. This has revived the debate as to origin of the Hobbit, as described by the ScienceNOW article: “But who made these 1-million-year-old tools? Morwood and his colleagues originally suggested that the small-brained hobbit was the descendant of a group of *H. erectus* that colonized Flores and then shrunk in an evolutionary process called ‘island dwarfism.’ That hypothesis is still favoured by many researchers, because *H. erectus* is believed to have occupied Indonesia as early as 1.8 million years ago. But more recently, Morwood’s team has argued, based on the hobbit’s very primitive anatomy, that instead of *H. erectus*, a smaller, pre-erectus hominid such as *H. habilis* or even an Australopithecine, somehow made it to Flores.” The significance of the “primitive anatomy” of the Hobbit is summarised by the ABC article: “The presence of such a primitive creature in this part of the globe challenges the generally accepted ‘Out of Africa’ theory and suggests important human evolution may have happened in Asia.”

ED. COM. No-one disputes the stone tools were man-made, but no-one has proved that the creatures named Hobbits used them. The tools are a problem to evolutionists only because they believe human beings evolved from ape-like creatures which could not build boats and navigate from island to island in Asia. The tool problem disappears if you accept that South East Asia was populated by intelligent human beings who left the Tower of Babel with the knowledge of boat building, tool making and navigation. Once again, Genesis provides a better explanation for scientific and archaeological discoveries than evolution. (Ref. hominids, dating, artefacts)

14. DARWINIAN SELECTION IN JAPANESE GUTS, according to articles in ScienceNOW 7 Apr 2010 and ABC (Australia) News in Science 8 April 2010. Mirjam Czjzek of Station Biologique de Roscoff, an offshore research facility in France has been studying a bacterium named *Zobellia galactanivorans* to find out how bacteria feed off seaweed. This bacterium has five genes for enzymes that can break down to the carbohydrates in seaweed. Czjzek and her colleagues then looked for genes for seaweed digestion in other bacteria. They found two genes in a number of other marine bacteria and, to their surprise, a bacterium named *Bacteroides plebeius* that has so far only been found in the intestines of Japanese people. Czjzek’s team then compared the microbial genomes of 13 Japanese people with those of 18 North Americans. Five of the Japanese subjects had bacteria with a seaweed digesting enzyme, but none of the North Americans. Bacteria are known to be able to swap genes, so the scientist believe *B. plebeius* picked up the genes from a bacterium living on seaweed that was ingested as part of the Japanese diet, e.g.

sushi. Human digestive systems do not produce the enzymes that break down starches in seaweed. Czjzek suggested the seaweed digesting gut microbes might help Japanese who dine on seaweed get more nutrition from their meal than do North Americans. The ABC article explained: "In a classic example of Darwinian selection, strains of *B. plebius* that had the imported genes had a better chance of survival than others, as they could feast on a major component of the Japanese diet."

ED. COM. This may be Darwinian selection, but it is not Darwinian evolution. Natural selection is a real process, but it only acts on already existing organisms. Furthermore, the sushi digesting bacteria did not get the genes by evolution, but by a well known process of bacterial gene sharing. This is the same process that enables antibiotic resistance to spread so rapidly amongst bacteria, and seems to be a built-in process that enables bacteria to adapt to their environment. Whilst sharing antibiotic resistance genes is a bad thing for people suffering bacterial diseases and needing antibiotics, sharing digestive enzyme genes is a good thing for people who depend on a diet containing a lot of seaweed if it means they get more nutrients from their food. Human digestive systems do not produce enzymes that break down starches in seaweed. Therefore, people benefit from having bacteria that do this in their gut as the bacteria do not consume all the broken down starch. Recent studies on humans and bacteria have confirmed the importance of the symbiotic relationship we have with our gut bacteria in maintaining a healthy digestive system. **WE PREDICT** that this process of gene swapping in the human gut or any creatures gut will be found to be going on all the time to enable the bacteria to better carry out their symbiotic function to the benefit of the host also. Again we remind people beware of the error Dawkins and most evolutionists make of assuming Selection is evolution. Natural selection is a real process, but it only acts on already existing organisms with already existing genes. (Ref. microbiology, algae, digestion)

15. NEANDERTHALS AT HOME, as described in *Science*, vol. 326, p1056, 20 Nov 2010. In October 2009 Archaeologists gathered for a conference near a cavern named the Abric Romaní rock shelter, near the village of Capellades in Spain to discuss research carried out on the site since it was discovered 100 years ago to be a site of Neanderthal occupation. The cavern contains numerous hearths, along with artefacts and tools, so recent research has looked at how Neanderthals organised their living space. The hearths are so well preserved they indicate Neanderthals used fire for many reasons, and organised their living quarters accordingly, just like modern humans. Fires can be used for many purposes, e.g. cooking, providing heat and light, heat treating tools and animal skins, repelling insects and predators. Archaeologist Josep Vallverdú and a team of researchers have identified at least six hearth types at the cavern. One type is a small, flat structure close to the rock shelter wall, which the team interprets as sources of light and warmth near sleeping areas. Other larger, more centrally located structures dense with animal bones and stone fragments could be places of cooking and tool use. Lyn Wadley, an archaeologist at the University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa commented: "Neanderthals were doing pretty much the same things that the so-called moderns are doing; ... they used space in an orderly way, although probably not yet in a symbolic way." Antonio Rosas, a paleoanthropologist at the National Museum of Natural Sciences in Madrid agrees and added: "To be Neanderthal is a distinct way of being human. By understanding Neanderthals, we enlarge the meaning of humanity."

ED. COM. We can't say it any better than Antonio Rosas. This study of Neanderthal living spaces builds on existing studies of Neanderthals to confirm that they were fully human, and there is no basis for considering them another species. All studies of their body structure and their artefacts indicate they were simply human beings surviving as best they could in the harsh conditions of Ice Age Europe. For information of previous studies search for Neanderthal in the Fact File click [HERE](#).

16. SURVIVAL OF THE KINDEST investigated at UC Berkeley, according to e! Science News, 9 Dec 2009. Dacher Keltner, a UC Berkeley psychologist, and colleagues have carried out a number of studies of human behaviour that challenge the "every man for himself" interpretation of Darwin's theory of evolution by natural selection. Keltner is co-director of the Greater Good Science Centre, whose research focuses on such human behaviour as gratitude, compassion, altruism, awe and

positive parenting, and the positive effects these have on society. They call it “survival of the kindest” and claim that “human beings are successful as a species precisely because of our nurturing, altruistic and compassionate traits.” To support their belief they have carried out a number of studies how people behave in groups when given the opportunity to contribute to the greater good of the group, and of physiological processes involved in mutual support. They found that people gained status and support within their peer groups if they behaved in a generous way, rather than selfishly. Their physiological studies have reinforced previous studies on the importance of human touch and personal interaction in stress relief and good health. Keltner explained: "Human beings have survived as a species because we have evolved the capacities to care for those in need and to cooperate. As Darwin long ago surmised, sympathy is our strongest instinct." He went on to say: "This new science of altruism and the physiological underpinnings of compassion is finally catching up with Darwin's observations nearly 130 years ago, that sympathy is our strongest instinct."

e! Science News:

<http://esciencenews.com/articles/2009/12/09/uc.berkeley.social.scientists.build.case.survival.kindest>

ED. COM. Whatever observations Darwin and modern scientists have made of kind behaviour, it cannot be explained by evolutionary theory. Darwin himself said that the “production of the higher animals” directly follows from “the war of nature”. The research carried out by Greater Good Science Centre may help us understand how kindness contributes to good health of individuals and groups, but it will not make people good and it doesn’t tell you how people got to be kind when history is usually dominated by individuals such as Hitler and Saddam Hussein. The fact is that human beings are a curious mixture of good and evil and the evolutionists may try hard but their story won’t beat the fact we were made in the image of the Creator God, who is good, but have disobeyed Him and our evil has ruined things since then. The only way we can become good is by being forgiven of our sin through faith in the Creator Christ who paid the penalty for our disobedience, and then living according to God’s instructions for human behaviour. (Ref. society, Darwinism, cooperation)

17. PRE-MARITAL COHABITING INCREASES DIVORCE according to articles in ScienceDaily 14 Jul 2009 and 5 Feb 2010, and Journal of Marriage and Family 20 Jan 2010. Psychologists at the University of Denver have conducted a survey of married couples and found that couples who live together before marriage were more likely to divorce compared with couples who waited until they were married or at least engaged. This study has been followed by a group of researchers from the State University of New York at Stony Brook who carried out a meta-analysis of a number of similar studies examining the link between premarital cohabitation and marital stability and marital quality. They found “Cohabitation had a significant negative association with both marital stability and marital quality. The negative predictive effect on marital stability, however, did not remain when only cohabitation with the eventual marital partner was analyzed, suggesting that these cohabitators may attach more long-term meaning to living together.”

Scott Stanley, one of the Denver researchers, commented: “It seems wise to talk about commitment and what living together might mean for the future of the relationship before moving in together, especially because cohabiting likely makes it harder to break up compared to dating.” Meanwhile researchers at UC Berkeley’s Institute of Personality and Social Research have found that couples who used pronouns such as “we,” “our” and “us” behaved more positively toward one another and showed less physiological stress, whilst those whose language emphasised their individuality by using pronouns such as “I,” “me” and “you” were found to be less satisfied in their marriages. Robert Levenson, who was involved in the study commented: “Individuality is a deeply ingrained value in American society, but, at least in the realm of marriage, being part of a ‘we’ is well worth giving up a bit of ‘me’.” Benjamin Seider, another one of the researchers explained: “The use of ‘we’ language is a natural outgrowth of a sense of partnership, of being on the same team, and confidence in being able to face problems together.”

Science Daily: <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2009/07/090713144122.htm>
<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2010/01/100128142143.htm>

ED. COM. These studies fit with God's created design for marriage, i.e. the union of one man and one woman, for life fully committed to one another. When challenged by Jewish leaders who were looking for an excuse to get out of this commitment, Jesus said: "at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female', and, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh' so they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate." (Matthew 19) Casual cohabiting and maintaining one's single identity do not fit in with God's design for marriage. The more studies are done on marriage the more researchers find that it works best according to God's instructions. This is no surprise because God invented marriage and all things work best according to the maker's instructions. See the Creation Research DVDs and CDs below on this subject (Ref. matrimony, separation, relationships)

18. CREATION RESEARCH MARRIAGE RESOURCES

The Creation of Love and Marriage (DVD) \$25AUD - An extremely challenging look at God's creation of the family. This in-depth look at love and marriage, covers how it functions, how to make it work, how a man can be head of the house, and how a wife can enjoy submission. This subject has been amongst our most popular family seminars for 20 years. Invaluable for those getting married, for marriage counsellors, those already married, and even those whom God has called to be single. 1 Hour lecture by John Mackay.

Marriage and the Creator (CD) \$10AUD- To make it work, follow the Maker's instructions. Find out how to love and enjoy it - make marriage a taste of heaven instead of a sample of hell.

The Creation of Love and Marriage Part 1 (6-CD Set) \$40AUD - Topics like "Genesis and Marriage", "Kissing, Cuddling and Caressing", "Headship for Husbands", and "The Christian Family", make for fascinating listening as John Mackay delves deep into God's Word and finds out all that God meant marriage to be.

The Creation of Love and Marriage Part 2 (7-CD Set) \$40AUD - "The Creator and Marriage", "God's Created Role for Men", "How to Choose a Partner", "Are you called to be Single?", "Let the Elder Women Train the Younger Women to Love their Husbands", "What to Teach the Younger Women", "Teenage Issues on Sex"

Full details on www.creationresearch.net click WEBSHOP

19. WOMEN ARE STILL EVOLVING, according to article in ScienceDaily 20 Oct 2009. Stephen Stearns of Yale University and colleagues have analysed data from the Framingham Heart Study, a long term study of human health that has been going for 60 years, and have concluded that human beings are still evolving at a "medium-to-slow rate". The researchers measured the effects of a number of traits important to human health on the number of children born to women involved in the study and used this to estimate the strength of selection and predict how each trait might evolve in the future. They predict "the descendants of these women will be slightly shorter and heavier, will have lower blood pressure and cholesterol, will have their first child at a younger age, and will reach menopause later in life." According to Stearns, "The take-home message is that humans are currently evolving. Natural selection is still operating." He went on to say: "The evolution that's going on in the Framingham women is like average rates of evolution measured in other plants and animals."

ScienceDaily: <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2009/10/091019162933.htm>

ED. COM. These small changes are unlikely to convince University College of London Biology Prof Steve Jones, an evolutionist who believes humans have stopped evolving, and they certainly don't convince us. Changes in height and weight and birth rate do occur from one generation to the next, but they are not evolution. They are just normal variation of traits already present. When you add their conclusion that "The evolution that's going on in the Framingham women is like average rates of evolution measured in other plants and animals", you now know the truth of our claim that evolution has not been observed at all – ever! The report is just another example of the overuse of

Evidence News 03/10 – 28th April 2010AD

the word “evolution” designed to bluff people into believing that all change is evolution. (Ref. anthropology, physiology, generations)

20. UPDATED CLIMATE ANALYSIS FROM PHYSICIST DR HEINZ LYCKLAMA now available. In May 2009 nuclear physicist Heinz Lycklama published “An Independent Analysis of Global Warming”. Since then the “Climategate” e-mail and data leak along with several errors by the IPCC have been revealed, and Heinz has updated his report. He summarises his findings as follows:

1. The science behind Climate Change is FAR from settled. (emphasis in original)
2. The "peers" involved in peer review were selected by the UN IPCC based on their biased support of the UN agenda.
3. Climate data used by the UN IPCC was "cherry picked" to support the UN agenda.
4. More and more climate scientists have dissented from the UN IPCC reports.
5. Some original climate data used to draw conclusions about Climate Change was deliberately destroyed.
6. Climate data was not made available to other climate scientists so that they could verify UN IPCC conclusions.
7. Any "climate change" legislation is very premature.

An introduction to the report with references is available on <http://www.osta.com/gw/> .

A pdf of the report is available at: <http://www.osta.com/gw/GWanalysis.pdf>

(Ref. meteorology, weather, politics)

21. DONATIONS TO HELP CREATION RESEARCH WORLDWIDE can be sent to the following addresses or use our secure Web site: www.creationresearch.net and click DONATIONS.

Donations in USA/UK are tax deductible. See instructions online.

CANADA TAX DEDUCTIBLE SUPPORT FOR OUR COLLEAGUES click [HERE](#)

USA: P.O. Box 281 Hartsville TN 37074 (Donations in USA are tax deductible. Make checks to Creation Education Society)

UK: P.O. Box 1 Ashton under Lyne Lancs. OL6 9WW (Donations in UK payable to Creation Research Trust are tax deductible - a Gift Aid Declaration is required - available from <http://www.amen.org.uk/cr/trust/>

AUSTRALIA: P.O. Box 260 Capalaba Qld 4157

CANADA: Westney Heights Baptist Church 1201 Ravenscroft Rd Ajax Ont. L1T 4K5

NEW ZEALAND: P.O. Box 40480 Glenfield 0747, Auckland

IF YOU no longer wish to receive our updates please reply with REMOVE EN in the subject. To assist us please include your name as well as e-mail address (and organisation name, if any)