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From new claims about aliens, to Aussie PM Gillard's comments on homosexual marriage, to the startling revelation that scientists don't have a clue about how life began – it's been a fabulous week and you will enjoy reading and sharing it with your friends. Glad you can join us for Evidence NEWS 04 11 with EDitorial COMment, from John Mackay and the worldwide team at Creation Research. ENews is available in 2 FORMATS – for EMAIL scroll down – for PDF click below INDEX.

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1. **"MARRIAGE IS FOR HUSBAND AND WIFE"**, said Australia's Prime Minister, Julia Gillard, according to the front page of The Australian (March 4th 2011). The report continues, "Julia Gillard has restated her absolute rejection of gay marriage and hotly disputed opposition claims the Australian Greens have hijacked Labour's political agenda."

ED.COM - We congratulate Miss Gillard on her comments concerning marriage, but sadly we have to remember this is the same woman who said she would never attack Kevin Rudd nor challenge his leadership, and that when she was re-elected there would be no carbon tax. We must never forget she is the current prime minister only because she did attack Kevin Rudd and annihilate him, and she is now actively pushing for a carbon tax. We could be more convinced she's sincere about marriage if she would actually marry the man she is living with in the Australian Government lodge at tax payers' expense. Then again our experience with atheists such as Ms Gillard, is they have no absolute basis for their morality, so truth is whatever suits them - particularly if they are politicians.

It's also a good time to remember that the only absolute basis for insisting marriage is 'between a husband and a wife' is that the Creator who invented marriage actually told us: "Haven't you read back in the beginning He made them male and female, therefore a man will take a wife" (Matthew 19:1-7). Jesus' implications are obvious – a man won't take a husband nor a live-in girlfriend – a man will take only a wife. (Ref. Family, Australia, Atheism)

2. **AUSSIE CREATION MUSEUM** potential looms as Craig Hawkins flies into HQ to discuss what can be done and to visit our Gympie Jurassic Ark site to both inspect repairs of recent flood damage and join the team as we erect the next Creation Mural (the first 5 days of creation) by artist Steve Cardno. See Mural [CLICK](#).

3. **FINDING (FUNDING) FOSSIL ALIENS**, Richard Hoover, an astrobiologist with NASA's Marshall Space Flight Centre claims to have found fossils of bacteria in rare types of meteorites, called C11 carbonaceous chondrites. According to articles in the *Journal of Cosmology* March 2011 and Media such as *Courier Mail* 6 March 2011, Hoover cracked open the meteorites under sterile conditions, examined them with an electron microscope, and found cylindrical and filamentous structures which he claims are fossilised bacteria similar to bacteria existing on earth, but must have come

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from outer space. Hoover commented: "What is both exciting and extraordinary is although many of the bacteria resemble and can be associated with generic species on Earth, there are others which are completely alien. Neither I nor other experts who have seen the evidence have any idea what these creatures might be. I believe these findings indicate that life is not restricted to Earth, but is broadly distributed, even outside our solar system." Carl Gibson of the Center for Astrophysics and Space Sciences at Scripps Institute and the University of California at San Diego commented: "Dr. Hoover has provided the world with extraordinary evidence to back up extraordinary claims. This discovery completely changes our perspective of the nature of life and our place in the Universe; the world will never be the same."

Not all NASA scientists are convinced. David Marais, an astrobiologist with NASA's AMES Research Centre, noted that similar claims had been made before and found to be false. He commented: "It's an extraordinary claim, and thus I'll need extraordinary evidence."

Links: [Courier Mail](#) [Journal of Cosmology](#)

ED. COM. As the reputable Nature Magazine reports, (Published online today 8 March 2011) – "The aliens haven't landed - the discovery of alien life might reasonably be expected to create headline news. But the media response to just such an announcement in the *Journal of Cosmology*¹ has been muted, and mostly dismissive." (See: <http://www.nature.com/news/2011/110308/full/news.2011.147.html>).

Back at Creation Research we note this story was published a few days after news stories about NASA facing funding cuts, (e.g. [USA Today](#)) making it so similar to the connection between funding needs and the publishing dates (1996) of the Mars Rock claims about 'fossil alien life' from a meteorite found in Antarctica in 1984. (The 1996 Mars rocks 'fossils' were found to be just natural rock formations - search for "Mars life" in the Creation Research [Fact File](#)). But Hoover's claims about fossil bacteria in carbonaceous meteorites were originally presented at a [NASA colloquium](#) in 2007.

The most important point about this claim is that like the many recent stories about "earth-like" planets being discovered, this latest Alien Story is part of an ongoing effort to convince people that life, including human life, is just the result of natural processes and can occur anywhere in the universe, wherever the right chemicals are found. The out of this world scenario comes from the fact that since no-one has been able to show how life could evolve from chemicals on earth, one claimed solution is that life evolved somewhere else in the universe and came to earth via meteorites. BUT that does not tell us how life originated – it simply shifts the question to somewhere else, while the alien proponents hope you don't notice the question is still unanswered. Yes it is possible for God to have created life anywhere in the Universe He wanted, BUT the only place we are told He did make life is on this planet earth. (See Genesis 1: 14-19). (Ref. astrobiology, space, fossilisation)

4. AGE OF EARTH? It's not a new debate. Augustine (AD 354 – 430) wrote: "They are deceived, too, by those highly mendacious documents which profess to give the history of many thousand years, though, reckoning by the sacred writings, we find that not 6000 years have yet passed." The translator's note says: "Augustine here follows the chronology of Eusebius, who reckons 5611 years from the Creation to the taking of Rome by the Goths; adopting the Septuagint version of the Patriarchal ages." Eusebius was Bishop of Lebanon cAD325. Augustine's *City of God*, Chapter 10: Of the Falseness of the History Which Allots Many Thousand Years to the World's Past. Translated by Rev. Marcus Dods in 1871.

5. GREAT EASTER PROGRAM in Australia – join us for 3 days of teaching – [CLICK](#) for details.

6. "PSSST! DON'T TELL THE CREATIONISTS, BUT SCIENTISTS DON'T HAVE A CLUE HOW LIFE BEGAN" Sc American 28th Feb 2011 begins "Exactly 20 years ago, I wrote an article for Scientific American that, in draft form, had the headline above. My editor nixed it, so we went with something less dramatic: "In the Beginning...: Scientists are having a hard time agreeing on when,

where and—most important—how life first emerged on the earth." That editor is gone now, so I get to use my old headline, which is even more apt today.

Dennis Overbye just wrote a [status report for The New York Times](#) on research into life's origin, based on a conference on the topic at Arizona State University. Geologists, chemists, astronomers and biologists are as stumped as ever by the riddle of life."

Ed. COM. We really do recommend you follow links above and below confirming the very relevant status of Horgan's revelation about evolutionist ignorance on life's origin. Scientific American is currently having another anti 'Creation in education' series and since they are even regurgitating 20 year old articles there is not much new, except for an apparent aim to appease Muslim Readers. They state "Education experts suggest that in some cultural contexts one way to encourage acceptance of evolution is by not shunning religious beliefs."

[Evolution Abroad: Creationism Evolves in Science Classrooms around the Globe](#) [New Challenges for Evolution Education](#)

<http://www.scientificamerican.com/blog/post.cfm?id=psst-dont-tell-the-creationists-bu-2011-02-28>
(Ref. Origin of Life, Education, High School)

7. PARTICLE PHYSICS FOR PRIMITIVE PLANTS reported in ScienceNOW 3 Feb 2010, *Nature* vol. 463, p644, 4 Feb 2010 doi: 10.1038/nature08811 and ScienceDaily 4 Feb 2010. A team of chemists at University of Toronto have been studying the proteins used by plants to capture the energy of sunlight and transfer it to the reaction centres that convert carbon dioxide and water to sugar. The team fired ultrafast, low-power laser pulses at the light harvesting molecules isolated from two species of marine algae (single celled plants that float in water). They then measured changes in the light energy as it was transferred to the reaction centre molecules. To their surprise they found the light harvesting molecules essentially convert incoming light into a wave that travels to the reaction centre without losing energy. To do this they must be applying an aspect of particle physics known as quantum mechanics. Greg Scholes, who led the study, commented: "We were astonished to find clear evidence of long-lived quantum mechanical states involved in moving the energy. Our result suggests that the energy of absorbed light resides in two places at once - a quantum superposition state, or coherence - and such a state lies at the heart of quantum mechanical theory." He went on to explain: "The energy can thereby flow efficiently by, counter intuitively, traversing several alternative paths through the antenna proteins simultaneously. It also raises some other potentially fascinating questions, such as, have these organisms developed quantum-mechanical strategies for light-harvesting to gain an evolutionary advantage? It suggests that algae knew about quantum mechanics nearly two billion years before humans."

Link: [ScienceDaily](#)

ED. COM. Scientists and engineers are currently working on using quantum mechanics for faster computing and efficient energy transfer, but are a long way from perfecting it and putting it to everyday use. When they succeed it will be because enormous amounts of intelligent research and creative design were applied to the problem. It is therefore absurd that the same intelligent scientists expect us to believe that chance random processes set up a system that already uses quantum mechanics. No scientist seriously believes single celled plants that form pond scum or float in the upper layer of the ocean know anything about quantum mechanics. If they do, they are about as smart as the algae themselves, or as the Apostle Paul put it "professing themselves wise they became fools" (Roman 1:22). Rather than giving the credit to the algae, these scientists should be giving praise to the Creator of the algae, and thanking Him they can learn how algae works and apply it to the use of mankind. (Ref. design, chlorophyll, photons)

8. 2500 YEARS OF CLIMATE VARIABILITY reported in *Science*. Details [CLICK](#).

9. WORMS EVOLVED BACKWARDS, according to articles in ScienceDaily 10 Feb 2011 and *Nature* vol. 470, p161 doi: 10.1038, published online 9 Feb 2011. An international team of scientists have studied the genetics of small marine flatworms named *Xenoturbella* and a group of

worms named *Acoelomorpha* to see where they fit in the evolutionary tree of life. They were thought to be an evolutionary link between very simple animals such as sponges or jellyfish and more complex animals, but the study has concluded they actually belong in the more complex group. Max Telford, from the UCL Department of Genetics, Evolution and Environment, who led the research, commented: "We can no longer consider the acoelomorphs as an intermediate between simple groups such as jelly fish and the rest of the animals. This means that we have no living representative of this stage of evolution: the missing link has gone missing!" The worms have now been re-classified into their own phylum, named 'Xenacoelomorpha' and placed among the more complex animals.

These 'Xenacoelomorpha' worms were thought to be the link between two main evolutionary branches in the animal tree of life because they have a very simple body structure. The researchers now suggest they have lost some features such as a body cavity, anus and gill slits that the more complex animals have. ScienceDaily summarised this conclusion as "This implies that the worms have in effect 'evolved backwards' into much simpler looking organisms." Telford commented: "Because the simple Xenacoelomorpha are descended from the same ancestor that gave rise to complex groups such as vertebrates, echinoderms and hemichordates, these simple worms must have lost a lot of the complexity that they originally possessed."

Some evolutionary biologists are not happy about having the evolutionary tree of life rearranged, especially as it means losing "their key example of that crucial intermediate stage of animal evolution" and leaves a gap in the supposed unbroken line of descent from single cell to complex animals. The debate has been so vehement that Telford commented to *Nature*: "I will say, diplomatically, this is the most politically fraught paper I've ever written."

Link: [ScienceDaily](http://www.sciencedaily.com)

ED. COM. Losing the use of a limb or loss of a tail is survivable, but arguing that a group can survive loss of their anus, entire body cavity and mechanisms such as gill slits, as they evolve backwards is nothing more than a silly story which shows what a useless waste of time, effort and research grant money the theory of evolution is becoming. Biologists could save a lot of unhappiness by admitting these creatures are separate kinds of animals that show no sign of having been any other kind.

As Dr Michael Denton pointed out years ago – every creature is a unique combination of non unique features and that doesn't help evolution one bit. The finding of creatures that do have a unique combination of characteristics is what you would expect from the Biblical description of how living creatures originated. They were created according to their kinds to function together in a designed working ecosystem. As the science of genome biology advances WE PREDICT that it will become harder and harder to fit living creatures anywhere on a neat evolutionary tree. (Ref. invertebrates, taxonomy, classification)

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