



CHICKENOSAURUS has crossed the road as Dinoshakers evolve while expert claims global warming in the north causes freezing in the south (no we didn't make that up), added to great new questions on conspiracy in Science and this Friday night's debate against the skeptics – there's lots going on for John Mackay and the Team this week in Evidence News number 06/13 with EDitorial COMment.

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1. NEW QUESTIONS: CONSPIRACY: “Are you saying that all scientists are part of a conspiracy in promoting evolution?” [Answer](#) by John Mackay

ADAM'S RIB: “If Eve was made from Adam's rib, shouldn't she be a clone of Adam with a Y Chromosome?” [Answer](#) by Diane Eager

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3. KINGAROY DON'T MISS Wednesday 17th April 7pm – Noah's Flood - the Aussie evidence down under that the Bible is true from the very beginning - with the Creation Guy John Mackay at The Salvation Army 44 Alford Street, Kingaroy.

4. SEE THE BONES OF GYMPIOSAURUS plus our new dinosaur display Saturday 4th May, and the great new murals along with the fabulous new work that's been done this year, on top of more of our great fossils. It's a great day out and good way to help us raise funds for Australia's Creation Museum project. Contact (07) 3206 4467 to book a place. Cost \$25 per person or \$55 per family. We meet at Shelley Beach Caloundra 9.00am for some low tide fossil finds and finish at our Gympie Jurassic Ark site 4.00pm. Saturday 4th May.

PICS OF JURASSIC ARK on <http://www.creationresearch.net> click Tool Bar MUSEUM then JURASSIC ARK.

5. JOIN US FOR THE BIGGEST DEBATE IN SMALLEST OF TOWNS - APRIL 12. Listed as the birth place of the Australian nation, Tenterfield, in New South Wales, will host Aerospace Engineer Skeptic vs Creation Research Director. Ian Bryce from the Australian Skeptics will debate John Mackay from Creation Research on Friday 12th April on the subject 'Natural process is all you need to explain life. You don't need a Creator!' VENUE Memorial Hall, Molesworth St. Tenterfield 7pm Friday 12th April. More details: ph Jim Seymour 0415265454 or 02 67365849 or email tenterfieldpresbyterian@gmail.com

S.E QUEENSLANDERS - WANT TO GO TO THE DEBATE? A keen supporter in the Ipswich area (Clem Grieger) is willing to organise a bus to go to the Tenterfield debate this Friday 12th April. If interested get in touch with him directly clem@myacn.net.au.

6. CHICKEN-SAURUS FOUND, according to articles in ABC News and Science 26 February 2013 *Naturwissenschaften* February 2013, Volume 100, Issue 2, pp 165-175. Junchang Lü, of the Chinese Academy of Geological Sciences, and colleagues have found fossils of a baby dinosaur named *Yulong mini*. The specimens are the size of a chicken and belong to the group of dinosaurs named oviraptorids, which grew up to eight metres long. Junchang Lü commented: "Yulong looks like chicken with a tail", but they did not find any signs of feathers. The researchers found the new dinosaur's limb proportions were more like a herbivore than a prey-chasing carnivore. They found the jaw structure was strong enough to eat meat, but Lu suggests "It provided strong bite force when (the dinosaur) ate hard foods such as nuts, molluscs and even eggs".

Link: [ABC](#)

ED. COM. Did you know that the word 'long' is Chinese for Dragon? They still call dinosaurs dragons, just like we used to in the English speaking world until it became politically incorrect that anyone should think man and dinosaurs lived together because men and dragons did. But how do we deal with these new finds within a Biblical perspective? Dinosaurs are generally presented as big monsters, but this find reminds us even the big ones started out small. So how did many of them get to be soooo big? We get one clue from living reptiles, which grow fairly fast for the first 25 years of their life, then they slow down, but they don't stop growing till they drop dead. They can grow throughout their lives provided they live in an evenly warm climate with enough food, and are not ill or stressed. These are the conditions that would have prevailed in the original good world God made, and would have continued even after the Fall of Man when God cursed the ground. Their environment would have been warm and lush until the time of Noah's flood, some 1,650 years after creation. During that time we are told human beings lived for over 900 years (see Genesis 5), and therefore animals also probably had much longer lifespans than today. This also means that many dinosaurs which started out small could have grown very large by the end of their lives. Giant dinosaurs are often used by atheists to scoff at the story of Noah's flood, i.e. how could they be fitted onto the Ark? This

new fossil reminds us that accommodating dinosaurs would not have bothered Noah – fitting chicken sized dinosaurs on the Ark would be no problem.

Furthermore, the comment about what *Yulong mini* was capable of eating, reminds us that strong jaws do not make an animal a carnivore. Strong jaws are just as useful for eating plant foods, such as nut, seeds, fruits and roots. Genesis tells us that all animals, and therefore all dinosaurs, originally ate plants. Altogether, this dinosaur find is good evidence for Biblical creation rather than evolution. (Ref. growth, reptiles, diet)

DID YOU MISS the question: DINOSAURS: “If the Bible is true why doesn’t it mention dinosaurs?” [Answer](#).

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7. FEATHER SHAKING DINOSAURS, according to ScienceNOW, Wired Science and University of Alberta News 4 January 2013. Scott Persons of the University of Alberta has made a digital reconstruction of the tail of an oviraptor using data from several different species. He found the tail bones have lots of bony spines that would make good attachment sites for muscles. In some oviraptors the bones at the end of the tail were fused together to form a rigid structure like the pygostyle, or tail bone, of a bird. Scott Persons, who led the study commented; “The big muscles in the tail were those associated with swinging and swishing, pulling and tugging the tail up and down, and side to side”. The researchers claim these dinosaurs had tail feathers attached to the rigid end of the tail and they used their tails in courtship displays. Persons explained: “Think of modern day birds that don’t use their tail feathers for flight. What do they use them for? They use their big tail feather fans for display”. He went on to say: “We’re starting to get to the point where we can move away from simple description. We’ve got enough information in front of us that we can start connecting the dots and thinking about more sophisticated things like behaviour”. One specimen named *Similicaudipteryx yixianensis* has been found with tail feathers, but other oviraptors have not been found to have feathers. The University of the Alberta news article summarised the research: “A University of Alberta researcher’s examination of fossilized dinosaur tail bones has led to a breakthrough finding: some feathered dinosaurs used tail plumage to attract mates, much like modern-day peacocks and turkeys”.

Links: [University of Alberta](#), [Wired Science](#)

ED. COM. The specimen named *Similicaudipteryx yixianensis* was given this name because it has a close similarity to another fossil named *Caudipteryx*, which also had tail feathers. When *Caudipteryx* was first presented as a feathered dinosaur in 1998 we wrote in our print newsletter that it was probably a flightless bird, rather than a dinosaur. Since then others have agreed with us. (See *Evolutionists Catch up with Us* [here](#).) *Similicaudipteryx yixianensis* was most likely from the same Kind as *Caudipteryx*, and really was a bird that used tail feathers for courtship displays, and for other functions that flightless birds use them today.

However, the first named oviraptors are clearly dinosaurs, and do not have feathers. Therefore, to ascribe feather-shaking courtship displaying behaviour for dinosaurian oviraptors on the basis of a few bones at the end of a tail of an obvious bird is evolutionary wishful thinking, not a “breakthrough finding”. When the researcher stated he could now “move away from simple description” he was moving into the realm of interpretation, and that is never done in a mental vacuum. It is always done according to beliefs you already hold – in this case, the belief that dinosaurs evolved feathers and turned into birds. In spite of the way the

popular media presents feathered dinosaur story as fact, there is much criticism of it, and not just from creationists. Read fossil bird expert Alan Feduccia's critique of feathered dinosaurs [here](#). (Ref. aves, reptiles)

DID YOU MISS the question: "Don't feathered dinosaurs prove that birds evolved from dinosaurs?" [Answer](#).

8. GLOBAL WARMING CAUSES ANTARCTIC ICE? claim Dutch scientists, according to Red Orbit 1 April 2013, New Scientist 2 April 2013 and *Nature Geoscience* doi:10.1038/ngeo1767. Although the sea ice around the North Pole has been decreasing over the last few decades, down under, the sea ice around Antarctica has been growing, and scientists have had difficulty fitting this into a story of relentless global warming melting the polar ice caps. Richard Bintanja and colleagues at the Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute now claim that the growing ice is actually being caused by global warming. They claim the sea ice growth is the result of increased cold water from melting glaciers flowing into the ocean and forming an insulating layer that prevents southern ice being melted by warm ocean currents. Because this water is less dense than the sea water it stays closer to the surface and also freezes more quickly in Autumn and Winter, so warm northern weather produce more southern ice. However critics such as scientist Paul Holland, an oceanographer with the British Antarctic Survey in Cambridge, UK, commented: "The mechanism could be completely true, but this study does not demonstrate that increased melting has made a significant contribution to the increase in sea-ice cover". Holland and Ron Kwok, a climate researcher at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, recently carried out a study of Antarctic ice using satellite data for Antarctic sea-ice motion from 1992 to 2010. Their study showed sea-ice expansion was caused by regional patterns in the wind. (*Nature Geoscience* doi:10.1038/ngeo1627)

Links: [New Scientist](#), [Red Orbit](#)

ED. COM. We could cheaply say – what a farce to claim that global warming makes us colder down under, yet the debate between these two groups of scientists over one aspect of climate change is another reminder that climate science is far from settled, even though the taxes based on using climate predictions as an excuse are costing us all, and achieving nothing. We are sure that the changes in Antarctic ice will turn out to be a complex mixture of factors, and when more research is carried out we predict that changes in polar ice will show to be the results of many processes such as winds, clouds and ocean currents – all processes that man cannot control, no matter how much you try to stop breathing out CO₂. Politicians and environmentalists who claim "the science is settled" should back off, and humble themselves before the Creator God for whom "lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds do his bidding". (Psalm 148:8). (Ref. Southern Ocean, Antarctica, sea-ice)

9. CLOUDS CAUSE MELTING ICE according to reports in ScienceDaily 3 April 2013 and *Nature* vol. 496, p86, 4 April 2013, doi:10.1038/nature12002. The increased melting of ice in Greenland over recent northern hemisphere summers is regularly presented as one the effects of man-made global warming. A group of scientists led by Ralf Bennartz, professor of atmospheric and oceanic sciences and scientist at the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Space Science and Engineering Center, along with Dave Turner, a physical scientist at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Severe Storms Laboratory, carried out a study of the conditions surrounding the melting Greenland ice in July 2012. They found that thin, low level liquid clouds were important in keeping temperatures above freezing, allowing the ice to melt. The clouds were thin enough to allow solar energy to penetrate to the surface, but were still thick enough to trap some of the heat that was reflected from the snow surface. According to the research team "these thin, low-level liquid clouds occur frequently, both over Greenland and across the Arctic, being present around 30–50 per cent of the time". Bennartz commented: "We know that these thin, low-level clouds occur frequently. Our results may help to explain some of the difficulties that current global climate models have in simulating the Arctic surface energy budget".

Link: [ScienceDaily](#)

ED. COM. This study is a good reminder that climate models are not the same as actual observations, and they are only as good as the data fed into them. If something occurs around 30–50 per cent of the time, yet has not been included in the data base, then the climate models are woefully inadequate. One “of the difficulties” in current global climate models is that those used by the IPCC, and by politicians and bureaucrats show a relentless rise in global temperature, but in fact, there has been no overall warming for about 15 years. For more details see “No Global Warming for Almost Two Decades” by Christopher Monckton. (PDF [here](#).) It is about time scientists, politicians, environmentalists and journalists stopped putting their faith in man-made models, and started looking at the real world, and putting their faith in the Creator Christ whose word alone could control the weather – and still can. (Ref. Greenland, Arctic Ocean, weather, atmosphere)

10. FROM THE ARCHIVES: [Dinosaur Feathers](#), [Dinosaur Sizes](#), [Antarctic Ice Growing](#), [Global warming Models Wrong](#)

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