



Greetings from John Mackay and the Creation Research team world wide and welcome to EVIDENCE NEWS with EDITORIAL COMMENT No. 8, 24th June, AD2006.

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1. NEW POLYSTRATE TREE FINDS add to our collection of evidence for rapid fossilisation. These vertical fossil trees protruding through many layers were found off the south east coast of the Kingdom of Fife in Scotland, below the median spring tide level, as John Mackay was doing research on coal deposits of the region in May. One Anglican clergyman recently told us his Theistic Evolutionist opponents have told him polystrate trees are so rare they can be ignored, yet there are large numbers of polystrate trees at this new site alone. See some of these new finds on www.creationresearch.net Home Page on right and scroll down to Click Here, and help us now with the financial cost of such vital research. (Ref.catastrophism, time, geology)

2. GERMAN SOLNHOFEN RESEARCH over three days (fitted between 3 nights of meetings in Munich) enabled David Keep and John Mackay and helpers to survey fossils in a 20m (65 ft) thick section of one quarry in the famous Solnhofen area noted for the Jurassic fossil Archaeopteryx. In the 3 days we were also able to collect fossils of: at least 400 feather star crinoids, 1 spiny lobster, 1 perfectly preserved shrimp, 1 Cyprus pine branch, 1 fern stem, 1 cockroach, 1 jelly fish fossil 15 cm (6 in) across, 1 herring, many small nautilus type shells, 1 cycad branch with leaves, plus lots of photos. Most specimens came from a section of fine limey shale layers (some paper thin) in the top 8m we investigated. The jelly fish alone establishes this area was rapidly deposited and any argument the area took millions of years to be laid down is nonsense. See photos on www.creationresearch.net Home Page on right under Research and scroll down to Click Here.

The trip also made it possible for us to see originals of at least 3 specimens of Archaeopteryx. What surprised us most was the apparent absence of wing feathers on the 3 specimens. Local authorities claim there are now a total of 9 known specimens. (Ref. bird, dinosaur)

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3. DEVOLUTION DEBATE HOTS UP as opponents and many students take exception to our contention that the world isn't evolving – it's devolving. Both recent UK debates against Dr Steve Jones and Dr Jeff Ollerton met their claim that they had never heard of devolution, so it couldn't be a scientific concept, so we must be making it up. The only place where devolution occurs is in politics. A short check through the history books will establish that the word evolution already had wide use in politics before Charles Darwin commandeered it for his theory. We don't mind being

credited with inventing the biological meaning of devolution, because it accurately describes the degeneration from the good creation after the coming of sin. What has amazed us is the rabid opposition to the concept that devolution is degenerate change. Dr Ollerton claimed snakes losing their legs is just another example of evolution and when we replied that when humans with legs gave birth to humans with no legs after mum took thalidomide, nobody said "Look – evolution is happening!" Everybody knew it was degenerate, which led to students objecting that their friends who had no legs were not degenerate, but were merely human variants. They disliked it even more when John pointed out that if a lion was let loose in the room, students with no legs would be 'naturally selected' against and eliminated from the human gene pool. Our final prediction as evidence of this devolution for these debates has been one which is not even popular with many creationists: the next decades will see new allergies and diseases we have never seen before as our immune system continues to collapse, as our environment continues to decay and as our relationship to all other creatures on this planet becomes more unbalanced. The concept of the fall and degeneration has become despicable in the eyes of many, totally due to their acceptance of the false theory of evolution, and is a major reason they think they can ignore God as Saviour. Change is real, but it is not evolution – it is devolution. Degeneration is also real and to deny it will only hinder those who really are degenerate, and do need the help of those of us who are slightly less degenerate. (Ref. change in gene pool)

4. DR MONTY WHITE, AIG UK, who attended the Northampton University debate, met with us after for discussion and commented on an audience question from a female student about "what was the purpose of beauty if evolution was true?". Evolutionist Ollerton had answered beauty exists because it offers survival advantage as males select the most favourable looking mate and this ensures their genes are passed on and the less beautiful ones are not; beautifully coloured and highly fragrant plants attract more insects etc. John Mackay had responded that highly coloured and fragrant plants such as sweet peas are self pollinated so don't need to attract insects, and at least one male butterfly (Heliconus) mates with the female when only her bland rear end protrudes from the crysallis and the male has never even seen how spectacularly coloured and beautiful she is, therefore beauty exists often only because God likes pretty things, so praise God if you are one of them. Dr Monty White said the evolutionist selection for gene transfer argument is totally false for human beings, as the best looking females tend to take up modelling or movie careers and don't want children because it spoils their figures, so they marry men who want fame rather than families. The women with the most children at present tend to be the not so good looking ones living in less expensive housing. (Ref. survival, selfish gene, design)

MORE NORTHHAMPTON DEBATE REPORT on www.creationresearch.net HOME PAGE left.

5. DR. ALLEN HALL UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS have been awarded to Romanian students for research projects on creation. Winners were 1st Prize: Narcis Lungu, 2nd Prize: Radu Bandol, 3rd Prize: Renata Branza, 4th Prize: Ionut Andrei Purel, 5th Prize: Mihaela Mija. Thanks to all who have contributed to make this student support scheme possible – your help is putting one more nail in the coffin of evolution as we encourage the next generation of leaders to research the facts of creation and have faith in Christ as their Creator, Redeemer, Saviour, Lord and God. In 2007, God willing, this award scheme will be expanded to include Hungarian students and will be promoted in association with the 2006/7 new series of the award winning TV production "The Verdict of Science is Creation" which Romulus Campan and John Mackay are now making. Pray for more European TV stations and satellite links to take this series.

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6. UK BBC HOST Mike West meets the man who he says is rapidly becoming the most controversial man on the planet. Hear one of the best opportunities we had on BBC click www.creationresearch.net click MEDIA BLITZ on HOME PAGE left, then scroll down to Mike West. John Mackay is on BBC TV Hard Talk next week.

7. UK HUMANIST OPPOSITION BACKFIRES as press attack results in us being invited to speak to more State High School classes in the UK where we have had the opportunity of handing out our Evidence Brochures to students and giving "Bone of Contention" to attending teachers. Your financial and prayer support makes it possible to maintain this school outreach, to a nation which only 100 years ago was famous for sending Christian missionaries throughout the world, yet is now a place where the average student has no knowledge of God as Creator or of Christ as Saviour, a situation which is provably a direct result of acceptance of the theory of evolution. The humanists may have succeeded in forcing one UK High school to cancel, but never forget the Devil often over reacts and this is a good reminder that our Creator Lord is a sovereign God and He reigns over all the earth.

8. ARCTIC CLIMATE SURPRISE reported in news@nature 31 May 2006 and Nature vol 441, p606 1 June 2006. In August 2004 the Arctic Coring Expedition aboard the "Vidar Viking" drilled a 430m (1,410 ft) core of sediment from the Lomonosov ridge on the floor of the Arctic Ocean, 250 km (155 miles) from the North Pole. Scientists have now studied the organic carbon from shells and algae in the core sediment and used the isotopic composition of the carbon to calculate the temperatures of the Polar region in the past. They concluded that during the Eocene period, (approx 55 million years ago) the temperatures around the North Pole were almost 24 degrees Celsius (75F), the temperature differences between the poles and equator were a lot less and the Arctic cooled down about the same time as the Antarctic. The researchers said the results were inexplicable by current climate models. One of the expedition leaders, Jan Backman, a marine geologist at Stockholm University, Sweden, commented: "This is a major, major surprise." Suggestions for the unexpectedly balmy climate around the North Pole include greenhouse gases, heat-trapping stratospheric clouds and hurricane induced ocean mixing. See news@nature article: <http://www.nature.com/news/2006/060529/full/060529-5.html>

ED. COM. It is no surprise to Biblical Creationists that there is evidence for the Arctic regions having been pleasantly mild in the past. Genesis describes a world that was surrounded by "waters above" which would have had a greenhouse effect until the time of Noah's flood. After the flood God told Noah there would be extremes of climate for the remaining history of the world. Snow and ice are not specifically mentioned until the book of Job. This new report is not the first evidence that the world once had a more uniform and mild climate. The fossil record all over the world indicates the world was once filled with large animals and plants that could only have lived in a world that had a much better climate and food supply. For example, see Arctic Fossils Indicate Warm climate, Evidence News 10 Mar 2004. (Ref. meteorology, degeneration, atmosphere)

9. PROFESSOR STEVE JONES ON EVOLUTION "I always think that the finest evidence for evolution comes from fossils, and it is very hard to imagine, is it not, a fossil virus, but one has been found." From "Why creationism is wrong and evolution is right" 29 Min. 14 Sec into Podcast of Royal Society Public lecture by Prof Steve Jones, 11 Apr 2006. <http://www.royalsoc.ac.uk/page.asp?id=4400&tip=1>

ED. COM. Since Steve Jones is a professor of genetics at the University College of London UK, you would think that his "best evidence for evolution" would be from his own expertise of genetics, not fossils. However, after many years of debating evolutionists we have noticed they consistently claim the best evidence for evolution comes from branches of science other than their own. The creation versus evolution debate is commonly portrayed as being faith versus science, but Jones' comment reminds us that belief in evolution is based, not on direct scientific observations made by experts in their field. It is based on one expert's faith in the authority of other experts in different fields who willingly return the favour - and all hope the public never find out! If you can see the funny side of that – you're right, it's the Emperor's new clothes all over again. Belief in Biblical creation also involves faith, but it is not faith in the expertise of human scientists and philosophers who weren't there, instead it is a fact based faith in the Creator who was there. (Ref. belief, philosophy)

10. STEVE JONES ON EVOLUTION AGAIN after claiming that fossils were the best evidence for evolution Jones went on to describe what he called a "fossil virus" – an HIV virus found in a

preserved pathology specimen from an African who died in 1959. Since then a number of variations of the HIV virus have been found and Jones showed a diagram of how the different variants relate to one another and explained that some of the recently discovered variants of the virus do not mix their genes with each other and are therefore becoming different species. He asks: "And if that isn't proof of descent with modification what is? I mean what more could you possibly want?" Jones' lecture and diagrams can be seen on an online video from: <http://www.royalsoc.ac.uk/page.asp?id=4400&tip=1>

ED. COM. Jones is doing no more than what Darwin and every evolutionist since has done, and it's a point we are stressing more and more in our debates. The evolutionists modus operandi is to first "define evolution as change, then call all change evolution; next accept any change as proof of evolution and therefore dismiss creation as unthinkable. In Jones case with HIV, notice (1) he first defined evolution as change via "Genetics plus time", then (2) he stated his evidence with a most remarkable use of the word fossil by referring to "Fossil HIV (v.1) 1959 as an assumed ancestor of HIV (v.6) 2006", THEREFORE (3) descent with modification over 47 years from 1959-2006 is true, THEREFORE (4) (Jones implies), Hydrogen gave people in 4.6 billion years, THEREFORE...Chemicals can naturally change from MINIMAL NON LIFE information (hydrogen) to MAXIMUM LIFE information (Human DNA - genes), THEREFORE ...LIFE IS THE INEVITABLE RESULT OF THE NATURAL PROPERTIES OF UNIVERSE, THEREFORE "CREATIONISTS ARE LIARS".... which is what he openly called John Mackay on BBC radio. To which John replied it was time everyone knew that Jones was not presenting evidence, but dressing up his atheism in scientific terms that were meant to fool most people into thinking he was using evidence. To answer Jones' question, "And if that isn't proof of descent with modification what is? I mean what more could you possibly want?": Yes, HIV 1 giving HIV 6 is descent with modification, but it is not evolution. The variants of the virus are still HIV viruses, and all HIV variations that have been found over the last 50 or so years do not explain how the virus could have evolved from some other virus, let alone from simple organic molecules. (Ref. disease, genetics, mutations)

11. CATASTROPHIC DINO DEPOSIT FOUND according to BBC News Online and news@nature, 7 June 2006 and Nature, vol. 441, p739, 8 June 2006. Sauropods were enormous long-necked, four-legged dinosaurs that grew to be as long as 27m (88 ft). Palaeontologists in Germany have found bones of a small dinosaur that seems to be a miniature version of monster sauropods. They have named it "Europasaurus holgeri". The bones were from at least 10 individuals, the largest of which would have been 6.2m long (20.3 ft). Initially the scientists thought that the dinosaurs were juveniles but when they examined the bones under a microscope they found the bone layer structure was like that of adult dinosaurs, but the layers were smaller. The researchers suggest that the animals lived on small islands and had evolved to be small in order to survive in an environment with scarce resources. In the supplementary information provided on the Nature website the researchers describe the rock layer where the fossils were found as: "Bed 93 is a carbonate mudstone, which near the bone accumulation contains large intraclasts (max. 200 cm3). Scarce other vertebrate remains from the bone accumulation pertain to fishes, atoposaurid crocodiles, pterosaurs, turtles, and theropod dinosaurs. Gastropods and bivalves are the macroinvertebrate component, and foraminifera and ostracodes are most common in the microfossil fraction. Other microfauna components are characean gyrogonites, fish teeth and sponge remains." They go on to claim, "The sauropod carcasses were probably transported by a river from the island into the sea and came to rest in the shallow, low-energy marine environment. The localized nature of the bone accumulation suggest that all the bones were accumulated in a single catastrophic event." See news@nature article: <http://www.nature.com/news/2006/060605/full/060605-8.html> and BBC article: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/5055128.stm>

ED. COM. Small dinosaurs have been found in the past and always appear to be fully formed separate kinds, so these new specimens are no help to the theory of evolution. If they had shrunk from larger species then they are the result of a degenerative change, either to their environment or themselves - again no help to evolution. The comments about the sediment in which they were buried show that in spite of an overall belief in slow gradual processes, evolutionists are prepared to admit that these fossils were buried in "a single catastrophic event" that resulted in land dwelling

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animals such as dinosaurs and pterosaurs being buried amongst sea creatures. This is actually the norm for dinosaurs, as most dinos we have investigated have been buried in sediments containing masses of shells and other sea creatures which is exactly what you would expect if a catastrophic flood swept over all the land surfaces, picked up any land dwelling animals, mixed them with sea creatures and then dumped them all together. Vast amounts of time are a popular belief, but the fossil record does not show it. (Ref. catastrophe, dinosaurs, flood)

12. ONLY ONE WEEK TO GET YOUR ANSWERS IN - We get lots of queries about "Is there intelligent life in outer space?", so here's ONE for you to answer. "Has the Creator God of the Bible created intelligent, morally accountable physical life elsewhere in this universe, as He did on earth?" Discussion should include reasons and evidence for or against. Prize for best contribution is copy of our DVD "Genesis Geology". Judges decision is final and best result will be available as an attachment through this ENEWS service. Entries must be submitted to info@creationresearch.net by June 30 2006.

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