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WELCOME: Man oh man have we got some great stuff in this issue – on man, of course, and some other creatures as we look again at the latest reports with Editorial COMment from John Mackay and Creation Research around the world.

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1. AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINES CAME FROM INDIA, according to a report in Science Daily, 21 July 2009. Raghavendra Rao and colleagues involved in the Anthropological Survey of India project have analysed 966 complete mitochondrial DNA sequences from members of India's "relic tribes" and found central Dravidian and Austro-Asiatic tribes shared genetic traits otherwise only found in Australian aborigines. Rao explained: "Mitochondrial DNA is inherited only from the mother and so allows us to accurately trace ancestry. We found certain mutations in the DNA sequences of the Indian tribes we sampled that are specific to Australian Aborigines. This shared ancestry suggests that the Aborigine population migrated to Australia via the so-called 'Southern Route'". The "Southern Route" refers to a theory that humans arrived in Asia by "movement of a group of hunter-gatherers from the Horn of Africa, across the mouth of the Red Sea into Arabia and southern Asia at least 50 thousand years ago. Subsequently, the modern human populations expanded rapidly along the coastlines of southern Asia, southeastern Asia and Indonesia to arrive in Australia at least 45 thousand years ago."

Science Daily: <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2009/07/090721214628.htm>

ED. COM. We are not surprised by these findings. Creation Research said that Aborigines migrated to Australia via India in our decade old documentary filmed around the world "The Origin of the Races". These findings fit with language studies that reveal some common words in Aboriginal language and tribal languages from the Indian subcontinent. Aborigines did not evolve in Australia. Like all human races they are descendants of the people who were scattered at the Tower of Babel. Therefore, the "Southern Route" story is probably partly true. The ancestors of the Aborigines could have migrated to India via Arabia, having moved south from Babel in Mesopotamia, and then moved along the coastlines of southern Asia and eventually spreading through the islands of South East Asia to northern Australia. This probably happened during the time when the sea levels were lower and some land masses were joined and islands were not so

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far apart. The presence of boomerangs and dingos in India is just further evidence for this, as is the fact that one Northern Territory aboriginal group call their killer boomerang Kali – the name of the Indian goddess of death. (Ref. anthropology, migration, ethnic groups)

Order your copy of the DVD “The Origin of the Races” by going to <http://www.creationresearch.net> click Web Shop then Click Great DVDs then scroll down to “The Origin of the Races”

2. CHILDREN NEED FATHERS, according to an article in New Scientist, 25 July 2009, p12. Following on from sociological studies, two biological studies have reinforced the evidence that fathers have a key role in rearing children. One study used an animal model – Californian mice, which are monogamous and rear their offspring together. Researchers at McGill University removed the fathers from some newborn mice litters, leaving the mother to rear the mouse pups alone. The researchers studied the offspring's behaviour and their brains. They found the fatherless mice did not engage in normal interaction with other mice and showed a blunted response to oxytocin, a hormone released during social interaction and personal interaction. These results fit with a human study carried out by Ruth Feldman of Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan, Israel. She visited 80 couples after childbirth and six months later, and found increased oxytocin levels in both parents. The increased hormone levels had different effects. “Mothers with highest levels of the hormone engaged in more gazing at the infant, affectionate touching and speaking in a sing-song voice. Fathers with higher oxytocin played more with their child, who displayed more attachment to them than did kids whose fathers had lower oxytocin.” Feldman commented that “fathers and mothers contribute in a very specific and different way” to their child's needs and development. In their editorial, (p5) New Scientist wrote: “There are those who will over interpret these tentative findings as proof of the need to maintain “traditional” family values and oppose adoption by same-sex couples. They are not. But, for men at least, biology is delivering a reassuring message: they have their uses.”

ED. COM. It is no surprise that sociological and biological research is confirming that a man and woman in a stable marriage is the best parentage for children. This is what the Creator built into the human race and gave instructions to live according to His design. Therefore, even in non-God fearing families, things work best when the Creator's design is followed. The New Scientist editor is wrong. It is not over interpreting these results to use them in support of the claim that children need both a mother and father – something a homosexual couple cannot provide. (Ref. marriage, family, paternity)

3. OUTBACK AUSSIE TOUR NEXT WINTER - August 5-18. Are you interested in a trip to the Australian Outback at the best time to travel our wild west looking at the evidence of God's brilliance as Creator, as well as seeing His wonderful sense of humour exhibited in Aussie animals plus see the rocks and landscape show the real history of Creation? To enjoy 2 great weeks with Creation Research and John Mackay get your preliminary expression of interest in now and ask for details. Numbers limited!

4. STONE AGE PYROTECHNOLOGY described in ScienceNOW 13 Aug 2009, and Science Daily and ABC News in Science, 14 Aug 2009. Archaeologists collecting stone tools at a site called Pinnacle Point in South Africa have long been puzzled by stone tools made of a fine grained rock named silcrete. The tools showed evidence of much working to make them into effective tools, but scientist had not been able to replicate tools from these archaeological sites using newly excavated silcrete. The tools were also a different colour to silcrete found in quarries. During an excavation Kyle Brown of University of Cape Town and colleagues found a piece of worked silcrete in some ash. This inspired Brown to put some silcrete in the fire pit the research team were using at their camp. Brown described the outcome of this initial experiment: “When I returned to dig the stone out the following day, the results were amazing. After heating, the silcrete became a deep red colour and was easily flaked. Most importantly, it looked exactly like silcrete from site PP5-6. Using heated silcrete we were then able to produce realistic copies of the actual silcrete tools.” He went on to say: “Here are the beginnings of fire and engineering, the origins of pyrotechnology, and the bridge to more recent ceramic and metal technology.” However, the stone tools from the

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archaeological site were not just campfire accidents. After much trial and error, the researchers found that it took 20 to 40 kilograms of hardwood and almost 30 hours to create the 300°C temperatures in silcrete needed to fashion tools like those seen at Pinnacle Point. Brown explained: "It requires a lot of planning. It's not the kind of thing people would do with an ordinary cooking fire." The site of the heat treated stones has been dated at 72,000 years old. One of the other researchers, Curtis Marean a paleoanthropologist with the Institute of Human Origins, commented: "Prior to our work, heat treatment was widely regarded as first occurring in Europe at about 25,000 years ago. We push this back at least 45,000 years, and perhaps, 139,000 years, and place it on the southern tip of Africa at Pinnacle Point."

ABC: <http://www.abc.net.au/science/articles/2009/08/14/2655267.htm>

Science Daily: <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2009/08/090813142137.htm>

ED. COM. Don't be surprised that the oldest known written description of Pyrotechnology, i.e. heat treating materials, is first mentioned in Genesis 4 where Tubal-Cain, who lived before Noah's Flood, is described as forging tools of metal and bronze. This knowledge would have been preserved by Noah's family and his immediate post-flood descendants would have used it in building the city and Tower of Babel. After the people were scattered from Babel they took that knowledge with them, and used fire on whatever materials were available for them. Stoneage people were not ape-men on the way up. They were intelligent human beings suffering the consequences of having defied God and being scattered, and having to eke out an existence in a tough environment with few resources. For a more detailed study see the Creation Research DVD "The Devolution of Man – From Skyscrapers to Stone Age". (Ref. anthropology, engineering, technology).

5. LUTHER AGE OF THE EARTH AND AUGUSTINE: "Now we know from Moses that about six thousand years ago the world was not yet in existence, though of this fact no philosopher can be convinced. Hilary and Augustine, these two brilliant lights of the Church, are of the opinion that the world was created suddenly, or all at once, and not successively in the course of six days. Augustine trifles with the six days in a strange way, making them days of hidden meaning, according to the knowledge of the angels, and does not let them be six natural days. So far as the opinion of St. Augustine is concerned, I hold that Moses spoke literally and not figuratively or allegorically, telling us that the world with all its creatures was made within six days just as the words read... we will pass by all such questions as unnecessary and rather listen to a better teacher, whom we may follow more safely than the philosophers that dispute about such things which they do not know without the Word of God."

From Luther's Commentary On Genesis (Zondervan Pub. House, copyright 1958)

Luther's Preface to the first chapter.

6. ARM SWINGING NOT VESTIGIAL, according to reports in The Independent, Royal Society News and Reuters, 29 July 2009. Swinging your arms when you walk has been considered an evolutionary leftover from when people used to be four legged creatures. Researchers from the University of Michigan, USA and Delft University of Technology, Netherlands have carried out a study to see the effects of arm swinging on how much energy is used when walking. In a series of experiments reminiscent of Monty Python's Ministry of Silly Walks they got human volunteers to walk in the natural manner with arms swinging opposite arm to leg, and then in unnatural ways with arms held still by the sides or arms swinging with the same side leg. They found the normal arm swinging saved energy and helped counteract the twisting of the body that occurs as weight shifts from one leg to the other. Steven Collins, a biomechanical engineer at Delft University of Technology, explained that the experiments "showed that normal arm swinging made walking much easier. Holding the arms at one's sides increased the effort of walking – measured by metabolic rate – by 12 per cent, which is quite a lot of walking, about the same as walking 20 per cent faster or carrying a 10 kg backpack." In their report in the Proceedings of the Royal Society the researchers wrote: "Although arm swinging is relatively easy to achieve, its effect on energy use during gait is significant. Rather than a facultative relic of the locomotion needs of our quadrupedal ancestors, arm swinging is an integral part of the energy economy of human gait."

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Steven Collins commented: "This puts to rest the theory that arm swinging is a vestigial relic from our quadrupedal ancestors."

Royal Society: <http://royalsociety.org/news.asp?id=8702>

Reuters: <http://www.reuters.com/article/lifestyleMolt/idUSTRE56S15L20090729>

Independent: <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/science/mystery-solved-ndash-by-ministry-of-silly-walks-1764014.html>

ED. COM. Here is another example of how evolutionary belief in vestigial organs is bad for science. The discovery described above was made in spite of evolutionary theory, not because of it. If you don't know why something happens the scientific approach is to do more research and find out. The results of these experiments confirm the belief that human beings are designed to walk upright which means that a creation starting point is a much better basis for science. (Ref. gait, locomotion)

7. HOBBITS NOT HUMAN, according ANU Press Release 31 July 2009 and ABC (Australia) News, 2 Aug 2009. Ever since the bones nicknamed the Hobbits and scientifically named *Homo floresiensis* were found in a cave on the Indonesian island of Flores anthropologists have argued about whether they were diseased dwarf humans or some kind of primitive human ancestor. Debbie Argue, an Anthropologist at Australian National University, and colleagues have carried out a study of the hobbit bones, comparing them with Australopithecines ("Lucy" and co.) and "a range of early hominins, including *H. erectus*, and modern humans". The team looked at up to 60 different characteristics of these various species and then analysed the results using a method called cladistic analysis. Cladistics is "an approach that compares the forms of organisms to determine ancestral relationships," and is used to draw up evolutionary trees. The results indicated that hobbits were "a new hominin species". Debbie Argue explained: "Our cladistic analyses created two very similar evolutionary trees that establish a very early origin for *H. floresiensis* back around the emergence of the very first members of the Homo family. This suggests that *H. floresiensis* was not a sick modern human, not even a very close relative."

ANU: <http://news.anu.edu.au/?p=1468>

ABC: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/08/02/2643415.htm>

ED. COM. Cladistics is a method of applying an apriori belief in evolution on the facts in order to draw up an evolutionary tree. Let's do a common sense analysis of the Hobbit bones instead. This creature's brain size, jaw bone, shoulder, wrist, limbs, body proportions were all ape-like. Therefore, it is not a sick human or a human relative. It is an extinct ape-like creature, probably something like an Australopithecine, i.e. another "southern ape".

Creation Research has reported on the various detailed studies of the *H. floresiensis* bones as they have appeared in the professional literature, and these can be found by searching the Science Report file on the www.creationresearch.net click WEB MUSEUM. We have always warned that they were not human in any way. Some creation groups have promoted the diseased human theory from the start so it is time they gave it up. (Ref. ape-man, anthropology, hominids)

8. WRITING WITH JURASSIC INK, reported in BBC News and Times Online 19 Aug 2009. British palaeontologists have found the perfectly preserved squid and squid ink sac in Jurassic rocks in Wiltshire, England. The squid ink was solidified, but so well preserved the scientists were able to liquefy it using an ammonia solution and use it to draw a picture of the squid and write its name - *Belemnotherutis antiquus*. The excavation was led by Phil Wilby of the British Geological Survey, who described the fossil: "It's among the world's best fossil preservation. It's a squid-like creature, but it's not like anything we have in the world today. You really don't imagine anything so soft could be so well preserved three dimensionally. It still looks as if it is modern squid ink. It's absolutely incredible to find something like this. We felt that drawing the animal with it would be the ultimate self-portrait." The squid was found among numerous other extremely well preserved soft bodied animals. Wilby explained: "About 155 million years ago, millions of these animals were dying in this precise area. We don't know why that is. In normal circumstances, the decomposition process means only the hard parts of animal are preserved, such as the bones, shell and teeth. The odds of this find are easily a billion to one and probably much greater. We call it the Medusa

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effect: specimens turn to stone within a matter of days, before the soft parts can be eaten away. I hope the discovery will help us better understand why things are fossilised in this way - what it is about the area that allows it to happen so quickly. Throughout the world there are perhaps a few dozen examples of soft parts being preserved, but this is really special. I can dissect them as if they are living animals. You can even tell whether it was a fast or slow swimmer, by looking at all the muscle fibres."

BBC: http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/england/wiltshire/8208838.stm

Times: <http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/uk/science/article6800939.ece>

ED. COM. It is good to see that scientists are admitting that such fine preservation could only happen if the creature was fossilised rapidly before any degradation of the tissue structure took place. However, it is most unlikely that it died in the water and then got buried. The fact that it was found amongst a whole lot of other similarly preserved fossils, indicates it was caught up in a catastrophic upheaval which swept up a lot of sea creatures mixed then with sediment and dumped them. It is also most unlikely that the ink was still inside the ink sac and could be reconstituted by simply liquefying it in ammonia after 155 million years. The fresh state of this ink indicates it wasn't buried all that long ago. Altogether this fossil fits better into the Biblical catastrophic history of the world, rather than slow gradual evolution and the long slow fossilisation stories often repeated in high school textbooks. (Ref. fossilisation, invertebrates, molluscs)

9. NEANDERTHAL TASTE TEST reported in BBC News, 11 Aug 2009. Anyone who has studied human genetics at high school or college will be familiar with a taste test for a chemical named phenylthiocarbamide (PTC) which has a bitter flavour and is found in some green vegetables including broccoli and brussel sprouts. About one quarter of the population can't taste it because they do not have the right taste receptor for it due to a variation in a taste receptor gene named TAS2R38. A team of researchers led by Carles Lalueza-Fox of the Institut de Biologia Evolutiva in Barcelona, have analysed DNA from a Neanderthal bone, dated as 48,000 years old, and found the TAS2R38 gene, the same as in modern humans. The bone was carefully excavated under sterile conditions and frozen straight away to prevent it from being contaminated by modern DNA. Analysis of the gene revealed the Neanderthal person was a non-taster. According to the research team, this means the genetic variation in the taste gene evolved before the Neanderthal and modern human lineage split. Lalueza-Fox told BBC News: "The non-taster is not something that occurs just in modern populations. It is something that was present at least half a million years ago."

BBC: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/8195762.stm>

ED. COM. The ability to taste PTC was once used as evidence of a link between chimps and humans because chimps show a similar variation in the ability to taste this substance. However, a recent study showed chimps have a different variation of the gene than humans. This new Neanderthal evidence is one more proof they too are very different from Chimps and fully human. In spite of claims that Neanderthals were a different species, whenever specific studies of Neanderthal biology are completed the results always fit the normal human range. (See "Chimps and Human Taste Different" Evidence News, 10 May 2006) (Ref. anthropology, genetics)

10. WHERE DOES WHITE SKIN COME FROM? Asks New Scientist, 22 Aug 2009, p10. White skin is believed to have developed when newly evolved humans, who were dark-skinned, moved out of sunny Africa and migrated to northerly regions of Europe where they did not get enough sun to make vitamin D. Vitamin D deficiency causes rickets – a bone deforming disease that would be selected against in the struggle for life. This belief is now being questioned by Ashley Robins of the University of Cape Town Medical School, South Africa. Dark skinned people in high latitudes need six to ten times as much sun exposure than light skinned people to make sufficient vitamin D, but this only equates to two to three hours of sunlight three times a week. Robins commented: "Early humans would have had that amount of exposure every day, and that would certainly have overwritten any melanin (skin pigment) barrier. I'm pretty certain that you would not have got vitamin D deficiency and rickets." Robins also points to a recent study of vitamin D in black and white human volunteers. Following exposure to the same amount of light the black subjects had less Vitamin D in their blood, but they had almost the same amount of vitamin D metabolites, i.e.

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chemicals made within the body using vitamin D. This indicates the liver and kidneys are working more efficiently – i.e. are compensating for the lower levels. Robins commented: “There seems to be a compensatory mechanism. That’s another reason why the vitamin D hypothesis fails.” Another group of scientists led by Asta Juzeniene, of the Oslo University Hospital have reviewed alternative theories for white skin. These included sexual selection for lighter skin and increased proneness to frostbite in dark skinned people. However, Juzeniene commented: “The vitamin D hypothesis is the most likely hypothesis although there is still no consensus about it.” Robins thinks the frostbite theory could be right. He commented: “If darker skin people are going to have frostbite, and babies and mothers' nipples are going to be frostbitten, then like sunburn, this is going to be a potent selective force.”

ED. COM. Robins is right about most people being able to get enough sunlight. It is only since the Industrial revolution that people in northern regions have been forced to spend their lives inside, without any exposure to sunlight. The distribution of skin colour over the world is hard to explain in purely evolutionary terms, but does fit with the Biblical description of human dispersion after Noah’s flood and the Tower of Babel. Two of Noah’s sons had names that indicated their colouring. Ham means “dark” and Japheth means “fair” or “light”, i.e. their skin colour came suddenly and was noted in their names by their parents. This probably occurred in the same way that brown parents today can have identical twins where one is black and the other white and separation at adulthood will produce separate coloured families right away - NO evolution at all. The Bible records that after the judgement at the Tower of Babel many of the descendants of fair skinned Japheth moved north and west into the regions that now comprise Europe. Ham’s dark descendants mainly went south into Africa. After the dispersion, people were split up into small clan groups that initially only bred within themselves, which would have reinforced the already existing predominant skin colour. For more details on the origin of skin colour see the Creation Research DVDs “The History of Man” and “Real Roots”. (Ref. anthropology, pigmentation, nutrition)

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11. OBSERVATIONS FROM THE ANDAMAN ISLANDS: “Re your item on raising sea levels and climate - Evidence News 08/09 5th August 2009; as a missionary who works in The Andaman Islands each year I am aware that the land in South Andaman (South of Port Blair) sank by over 80cm during the Force 9 earthquake that preceded the Boxing Day tsunami in 2004. In North Andaman (around Diglipur) the land rose by 1.2 metres.

All the sea charts have had to be rewritten as a result of the tectonic shift and rising and falling seabed in the area. (I have a chart from beforehand if anyone wants to do a comparison.)

Does anyone know if THIS apparent "sea rise" is part of the statistical information that is being misused to claim that the seas are rising worldwide?” Mike Story

12. AUSTRALIA REJECTS CARBON TRADING, according to a report in OneNewsNow, 18 Aug 2009. The Australian Senate has rejected proposed legislation that would have set up a cap and trade scheme for carbon emissions. Pete Chagnon of OneNewsNow writes that Marc Morano of ClimateDepot.com claims the bill “was defeated due to an outpouring of scientific facts refuting the link between man-made carbon emissions and climate change.” He then quotes Morano as making the following claim: “So the Australian public and the Australian leaders were faced with this onslaught of skeptical scientists refuting...the need for this bill,” he explains. “Plus the fact that the bill would have had no impact on the climate and the fact that it would have been very costly to Australia’s economy made this bill go down -- and go down rather easily.” Chagnon then adds: “Morano contends the U.S. bill is facing similar skepticism from the scientific community and the public, and that the U.S. Senate needs to learn a lesson from Australia.” OneNewsNow: <http://www.onenewsnow.com/Politics/Default.aspx?id=647096>

ED. COM. The editors of this newsletter live in Australia and have noticed NO PUBLIC “outpouring of scientific facts refuting the link between man-made carbon emissions and climate change”. The reason is a lack of the mainstream media to pour them. The Australian media continues to portray those who question man-made global warming as idiots and not worth listening to. Although some politicians on the conservative side of Australian politics have tried to engage Al Gore and other climate alarmists with scientific facts, the reason the emissions trading legislation was rejected was politics, not science. The reason the Senate rejected the legislation is the left of centre political party that has the majority in the House of Representatives does not have majority in the Senate. Therefore, it must have support from some of the members of other parties to get legislation passed. In this case the more conservative politicians wanted a better deal for business and the environmentalist party wanted even more restrictions of carbon emissions. The rejection of the legislation does give an opportunity to get some scientific facts out, but unless people are prepared to stand up for the truth, politics will again triumph over science when legislation is put to the vote again. (Ref. controversy, journalism)

13. RIVER BLINDNESS END IN SIGHT, according to an article in ScienceNOW 21 July 2009. The number of people suffering a parasitic infection that causes blindness has dramatically decreased over the last 20 years due to effective treatments that kill the parasitic worms. People become infected with the worms when they are bitten by black flies. The worms produce tiny baby worms that move through the body fluids and some inevitably get trapped in the eye, where they stimulate a strong inflammatory reaction, which causes blindness. In 1987 a programme of treating the disease with a drug that paralysed the worms and decreased their fertility was introduced. Researchers recently surveyed three regions in Mali and Somalia where drug treatment has been used for over 15 years and found less than one percent of people tested positive for infection. They also caught over 150,000 black flies in these regions and found fewer than 0.05 percent of flies were carrying the infection.

ED. COM. There are two important aspects of River Blindness that are significant to the creation/evolution debate. One is that people are infected with the parasites when they are bitten by flies. This means this disease would not have occurred in the original good world God made because all animals ate plants and flies would therefore not have bitten people. The other is that the worms die in the eye and it is the inflammatory reaction that causes the blindness. River blindness is the disease David Attenborough has used for many years as his excuse for refusing to believe in God. The following quote is from *New Scientist*, 16 May 2009: “People say: ‘How you can see hummingbirds, roses, and orchids and not believe in the Lord's splendour’? But if you're going to look at those things, you should look at other things, too. Imagine an African boy with a parasitic worm boring into his eye. If you tell me God not only created but cares for us all, what about that boy? Are you telling me he says: ‘God deliberately created a worm that's going to blind me’? I find that intolerable.”

Attenborough has been making this claim for many years. Creation Research became aware of it in 2003 when he visited Australia to promote his biography. Soon after this Creation Research made the DVD “Did a Good God Make Bad Bugs?” which answers Attenborough’s claim and deals with the whole issue of disease. One of our colleagues personally gave Attenborough a copy of the DVD. However, Attenborough continues to use the worm in the eye story as his excuse for not believing in the Creator God. It is not because we wanted to outsmart David Attenborough that we gave him our DVD. It is because the Apostle Paul reminds us that all who have seen what God has created are without excuse for their unbelief. (Romans 1:20) David Attenborough has had more opportunity to see the works of God than just about anyone else, and we consider it our duty to warn him (and others) he is (and they are) accountable to the Creator God, and to tell him the good news of salvation in Christ. (Ref. vision, medicine, degeneration)

14. “CREATION” FILM NOT ABOUT CREATION. We have been informed by John Peet in the UK that a new film, entitled “Creation”, due to be released in September with the support of a Christian ministry, actually promotes evolution. John has provided us with the following review of the film, from when he was invited to its public preview recently. We pass it on so that anyone who decides

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to see this film is not surprised by its "forceful propagation of the evolutionary line". John Peet writes: "I was invited to the preview showing of a new film to be released in the cinemas on September 25th. It is called *Creation* but don't be deceived - it is not about creation at all! It is a biographical drama about Charles Darwin. It is particularly concerned with his struggles over Annie's death and the dilemma he had about publishing his book. It is a very sad film (assuming the facts are reasonably correct) but it is especially sad spiritually. A Christian charity, Damaris Trust, is producing literature to aid churches to deal with the issues arising. They are "encouraging people to see the film and think about the issues it raises and make the most of the opportunity." I have not seen their literature but a comment I heard suggests that it may be less than we would wish it to be. BUT please note that is a second-hand comment! However, I would **discourage** folk from seeing it unless it is followed up by a competent Christian creationist. However, I would go further: I am **positively advising against** folk seeing it. Near the beginning it has a highly objectionable blasphemous comment by Huxley. I don't know whether it is a true quotation of what he said, but I found it very painful. It is an unnecessary inclusion and could be cut without affecting the storyline at all. So, be prepared for a month's time! It is being distributed by ICON and is a joint production by BBC Films (who else!) and the UK Film Council. It is based on the work of Darwin's great great grandson, Randal Keynes, and his book, *Annie's Box*." John Peet, August 2009.

ED. COM. It is foolish for 21st century Christian groups to pretend that Darwin's theory and the Bible say the same thing when Darwin himself knew they did not, and made no pretence to say so. Darwin and his associates knew his theory was not compatible with Christianity because evolution is a process of death, disease and struggle, and therefore cannot be reconciled with God's statement in Genesis 1:31 that all He made was initially very good. In his biography of Darwin, Keyne's wrote: "After Annie's death, Charles set the Christian faith firmly behind him." In a review of the book in *Science*, vol 296, p1974, 14 Jun 2002 the reviewer wrote: "Freed from the last vestige of belief that the world was perfect because God created it that way, Darwin continued without spiritual restraint to work out his theory on the origin of species." Working on his theory only reinforced his unbelief. Later in his life Darwin wrote: "I am sorry to have to inform you that I do not believe in the Bible as a divine revelation, & therefore not in Jesus Christ as the son of God." (Letter to Frederick McDermott, 24 November 1880). It is about time Christian Churches stopped compromising with the world and chose to uphold the truth of the Word of God. (Ref. theistic evolution, apostasy, atheism)

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