

Bin Ladin is dead, hundreds die in USA tornadoes, and climate conundrum found as more islands discovered, while fossil sea cows show flaws in global warmers' position mean it has been one wild old week on planet earth and it results in a very useful Evidence NEWS 09 11 for May 2011 with EDitorial COMment from John Mackay and the Creation Research Team worldwide.

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1. CO2 BY NASA QUESTION “According to NASA, the CO2 level has never been above 300 parts per million for the last 650,000 years prior to the 1950’s, yet it’s now 380 ppm, showing the increase is due to man’s activity since the Industrial Revolution. Do you have any material to refute this claim? NASA article: <http://climate.nasa.gov/evidence>.”

For our answer, click [here](#).

2. WHAT HAPPENED TO CLIMATE REFUGEES? asks an article in *Asian Correspondent*, 11 April 2011. The article begins: “In 2005, the United Nations Environment Programme predicted that climate change would create 50 million climate refugees by 2010. These people, it was said, would flee a range of disasters including sea level rise, increases in the numbers and severity of hurricanes, and disruption to food production”. At the time UNEP produced a map showing where people would have to leave, including Islands in the Caribbean and Pacific and low lying cities in China. However, recent census data from the island states Bahamas, St Lucia, Seychelles and Solomon Islands indicates these places are actually gaining people, not losing them and the low lying cities of Shenzhen, Dongguan, Foshan, Zhuhai, Puning and Jinjiang are the fastest growing in China. The article concludes: “a very cursory look at the first available evidence seems to show that the places identified by the UNEP as most at risk of having climate refugees are not only *not* losing people, they are actually among the fastest growing regions in the world”.

The article included a link to the map from GRID-Arendal, a collaborating centre of UNEP, but the map has now been removed with this disclaimer: “Environmentally Induced Migration Map – Clarification. GRID-Arendal offered a map for everybody to download and further use on Environmentally Induced Migration (*“Fifty million climate refugees by 2010”*) at this web address. This graphic was originally produced for the Environmental Atlas of the newspaper *Le Monde diplomatique*. We have decided to withdraw the product and accompanying text. It follows some media reports suggesting the findings presented were those of UNEP and the UN which they are not. We hope this clarifies the situation.” (Italics and quote marks in original) However, it is very difficult to completely eradicate anything from the Internet, and the map has been found and reproduced in a further article in the *Asian correspondent* 16 April 2011.

Links: [Asian Correspondent 11 April](#) [Asian Correspondent 16 April](#) [GRID-Arendal](#)

ED. COM. The predictions that have driven governments world wide to promote carbon taxes etc., that millions of climate refugees would be fleeing from rising sea levels caused by western CO2

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production induced global warming, are again proved false. These and other recent studies of Pacific Islands have shown the islands are remaining stable in size or even growing. See “Sea Level Surprise” in the Evidence Web [Fact File](#). Those who made these predictions are false prophets at the best and liars at the worst and are only impoverishing the west. Furthermore, such so called climate scientists need to humble themselves and admit there are many things we do not know about the interaction between land and seas, and stop making dire predictions about things that only the Creator can control. (Ref. prophecy, politics, geography)

3. IF YOU MISSED ... “Why do you Christians trust a book that doesn't even get π (pi) correct (see 1Kings 7:23)” then catch up with: MORE PI FOR SOLOMON as Karl Priest USA adds, ‘I like John's explanation of the "[Pi Problem](#)". (I Kings 7:23-26)

John's solution would mean the inner radius doubled (for the diameter) is 9.55. If you plug that into the formula $Pi = c/d$, then $pi = 30/9.55$ which makes the answer 3.141...

The accepted value of Pi is 3.141.. it has been run to well over a million digits without a repeating sequence so the engineers for Solomon's Temple were quite sharp.

When I coached elementary level Math Field Day teams I told them to use "3" for pi in order to do mental math where the answer did not have to be precise. The value of 3.14 is what is commonly used by any student for solving problems using Pi.

Here are a few interesting Pi notes from the Net:

The earliest numerical approximation of π is almost certainly the value 3 (an underestimate). In cases where little precision is required, it may be an acceptable substitute.

$$3\frac{10}{71} < \pi < 3\frac{10}{70}$$

Verner wrote, "We can conclude that although the ancient Egyptians could not precisely define the value of π , in practice they used it".

And don't miss **Pi Day as Dr Diane Eager adds:** “I can remember being taught to use the fraction 22/7 as the value for Pi in calculations at school. Pi now has sufficient iconic status as to have a day to celebrate it. Americans celebrate it (by eating pies) on the 14th March because they write their dates with the month first i.e. 3.14. It has been suggested the Aussies and British should celebrate pi day on the 22nd July, which fits with our way of writing the date, i.e. 22/7. We could also celebrate it by eating pies, but hopefully only round ones”. For more on Pi Day see <http://www.piday.org/million.php>.

Thanks to Karl and Diane for these suggestions. Keep your questions coming to questions@creationresearch.net and join our Facebook page, click [here](#).

4. 657 NEW ISLANDS FOUND, according to an article in ScienceDaily 20 April 2011. Researchers from Duke University and Meredith College have carried out a global survey of coastline and identified a total of 2,149 barrier islands worldwide using satellite images, topographical maps and navigational charts. A previous survey in 2001 had identified 1,492 such islands. As described in ScienceDaily, “Barrier islands often form as chains of long, low, narrow offshore deposits of sand and sediment, running parallel to a coast but separated from it by bays, estuaries or lagoons. Unlike stationary landforms, barrier islands build up, erode, migrate and rebuild over time in response to waves, tides, currents and other physical processes in the open ocean environment”. The researchers do not claim all these extra islands appeared in the last 10 years, but that many may have been overlooked because they are in places where scientists believed they could not exist, such as where seasonal tides are greater than four metres.

The new survey found the world's longest chain of barrier islands on the equatorial coast of Brazil, where spring tides reach seven meters. Orrin Pilkey, Emeritus Professor of Geology at Duke University, explained: "This provides proof that barrier islands exist in every climate and in every tide-wave combination. We found that everywhere there is a flat piece of land next to the coast, a

reasonable supply of sand, enough waves to move sand or sediment about, and a recent sea-level rise that caused a crooked shoreline, barrier islands exist".

Link: [Sciencedaily](#)

ED. COM. Although most of these “new” islands were probably already there when this study began, this study does provide good evidence that islands do move and grow. Aerial and satellite imaging has enabled us to learn more about how coastlines and islands are structured and how they work, and therefore live on them more wisely. This is a proper application of the original mandate to rule over the earth given to man by the Creator in Genesis 1:26-28. To do this we must study the earth to see how it works. However, this dominion mandate does not mean we have power to control the great forces at work on the earth. We do not control the ocean currents, rains, winds and land movements, therefore, we need to put our trust in the Creator who made them and who can and does use them for blessing or judgement. (Ref. geography, oceanography, global warming)

5. FOSSILS SHOW FLAWED CLIMATE ASSUMPTIONS, according to articles in ScienceDaily 24 April 2011, *Science*, 2011; vol. 332 p455 DOI: 10.1126/science.1201182 and *Science* vol. 332 p 430 DOI: 10.1126/science.1205253. Mark Clementz of University of Wyoming, and colleagues have studied oxygen isotopes in the tooth enamel of fossil sea cows to find out more about climate during the Eocene period (usually dated as 56 to 34 million years ago). Isotopes are variations of elements that have different atomic weights. Most oxygen has a weight of 16, but there is an isotope with weight of 18. The proportion of oxygen 18 in water varies with temperature of the water, and the amounts of oxygen 18 in fossils of sea creatures has been used as an indicator of ancient climate. Scientists have assumed that that oxygen isotope composition of seawater in the past was similar to that of today, with high values at low latitudes and low values at high latitudes.

However, the researchers found the oxygen 18 content in the sea cow fossils were lower than they expected for animals that live in low latitudes, indicating the climate was much wetter in these regions in the past. Clementz commented: "This created a very different distribution in the oxygen isotopic composition of seawater for this time interval, which would, in turn, significantly impact estimates of paleoclimate and paleotemperature in the distant past. Scientists have used this assumption of the oxygen isotopic values of seawater to constrain temperature estimates for the past". ScienceDaily says this a bit more clearly: "In their paper, Clementz and Sewall show that the assumption may be flawed, which could mean that previous estimates of water temperature are incorrect".

Science also adds "Although the global physiography of the Eocene was broadly similar to that of the modern Earth, the climate was vastly different. Polar Regions lacked major ice sheets and were home to cold-intolerant plants and animals, and tropical oceans steamed away at temperatures approaching 40°C. These differences were driven at least in part by atmospheric CO₂ concentrations about five times the preindustrial value".

ScienceDaily: <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2011/04/110421161725.htm>

ED. COM. Here is another failure of the thinking which is widely held among researchers, i.e. the assumption that whatever is happening in the present also happened in the past in the same way (uniformitarianism). This assumption is considered to be a scientific approach to looking at the world, but it is not. The scientific method can only directly observe the present. Much of the current climate “science” involves assumptions about the past – a field which is humbly beyond the limitations of science. What happened in the past may leave evidence that can be examined in the present, but to really know what, how or why it happened in the past requires additional information from observers who were there and here’s the humbling crunch for most scientists. There was only one observer who has been there since the beginning – the Creator, God. However, uniformitarian assumptions allow people to ignore the Creator’s testimony, as recorded by Moses in Genesis, and substitute their own ideas.

Charles Lyell, the man responsible for bringing uniformitarian thinking into mainstream science, made it clear that his purpose was to “free the science (of geology) from Moses”, and therefore

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remove the Creator's authority over scientists. For information about Lyell's influence on science search for "Lyell" in the Evidence Web [Fact File](#). (Ref. climate change, palaeontology, sirenians)

6. OUR APOLOGIES for a defunct link in our last e-mail out to our Origin of Life workbook. This workbook provides historical background information along with questions and answers related to our Creation Research course *The Search for the Origin of Life*. The workbook is available as a PDF from [here](#).

7. OUR EDEN EXPERIMENT continues to test the effects of increased carbon dioxide and plant growth. The experiments involve four separate terrariums, one of which is our standard open terrarium, which simply records plant growth under normal atmospheric conditions at the time, and the other three had controlled amounts of CO₂ and were totally enclosed and isolated from the current environment.

To the end of February 2011, our results tell us:

- 1) You can double and triple the amount of CO₂ and the plants thrive.
- 2) Plants love water vapour in the air, and do much better with just water vapour rather than rain.
- 3) In our now famous 2010-11 Aussie flooded summer (Dec – Feb), once the external humidity increased to over 90% and the external temperature rose above 30 degrees, the terrariums simply became heat boxes and killed everything.

Our March 2011 experiment (results below) was designed to separate CO₂ influence from temp and humidity so the temp was maintained at 20 degrees (5 degrees below normal room temperature) and the humidity at 80%.

2011 results

Plant type: Pumpkins.

13 Mar 2011 seeds planted

Terrarium 1. Open Normal CO₂.

Terrarium 2. Double CO₂.

Terrarium 3. Triple CO₂.

Terrarium 4. Quadruple CO₂.

23 Mar 2011. Plant height measured

Terrarium 1. 14 cm

Terrarium 2. 14 cm

Terrarium 3. 15.5 cm

Terrarium 4. 17 cm

29 Mar 2011 Experiment Discontinued

Terrarium 1. 28cm

Terrarium 2. 27cm

Terrarium 3. 30cm

Terrarium 4. 32cm

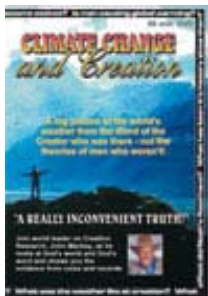
What surprised us most from these results was the very obvious benefit of triple and quadruple amounts of CO₂ when the temperature was lower than 25 degrees, whereas the double CO₂ terrarium didn't do as well as it did when the temperature was higher (25 degrees). This experiment is being redone to confirm this trend, but the Global Warming lobby aka Climate Change promoters can take no joy in any actual results on the effects of CO₂ thus far.

A major problem to date has been preventing mist forming on the glass walls, so our photographic records have been rather poor because we originally constructed the terrariums with all thermometers and humidity measuring equipment built into the inside of sealable containers which remained sealed for the duration of each experiment.

The purpose of these first set of experiments has been to establish conditions and variables in order to help us set up more sophisticated long term experiments using computer monitored and climate controlled terrariums, which will automatically record every variable we have discovered, plus monitor increases in plant volume and area which at present we can't really measure. Read more on our previous experiments [here](#) and support this project financially.

For more information on Climate Change see the following DVDs:

CLIMATE CHANGE AND CREATION What does Islam say about global warming? Is man causing global warming? Is it global warming, climate change, or tax revenue? What was the weather like at creation? What has been its history since then? What effect did Noah's flood have? What role does God have in weather? Does the Bible speak about future global warming? Does it matter if Polar Bears become extinct? **A big picture of the world's weather from the Word of the Creator who was there - not the theories of men who weren't!** Join world leader on Creation Research, John Mackay, as he looks at God's world and God's Word and shows you the evidence from rocks and records. (Senior High School +)



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