



DINOSAURS galore this week along with fossil eggs and embryos, museum displays, and are bacteria evolving new information? Plus sadness as we bid an earthly farewell to a long term soldier of creationism and joy as we head bush for next weekend's field trips on the Darling Downs of Eastern Australia. Lots and lots in this week's Evidence News 09/12 with EDitorial COMment from John Mackay and the Creation Research Team worldwide.

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DON'T MISS JOHN MACKAY - Darling Downs QLD Friday 20th through to Sunday 22nd.

Friday night 7:00pm – Garden City Baptist - 43 Jones Street Harlaxton Toowoomba
See the latest fabulous evidence for creation and hear the good news from creation to the cross.

Saturday 8:30am - Field trip, only 10 places left, contact Pastor Tim Bunch
pastor@gardencitybaptistchurch.com.au, Pastor at www.GardenCityBaptistChurch.com.au. (There is a charge for the field trip.)

Saturday night 7:00pm – Dalby Presbyterian Corner of Condamine and Patrick Streets – Exposing Evolution Confirming Creation, plus great Q and A. (Contact Ralph 0427 134 725 or 4669 6292)

Sunday 10:30am – Dalby Presbyterian Church. Come and share in the praise of Christ our Creator and Redeemer.

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At every venue there will be a great display of our DVDs, CDs, Literature and fossils to help you take this message out to the world. Entry free – offerings taken.

Look forward to seeing you there and please pray for good weather for the Saturday field trip and the Monday school field trip.

1. NEW QUESTIONS

- a) DINOSAURS: If the Bible is true why doesn't it mention dinosaurs? [Answer](#) by John Mackay.
- b) LENSKI'S *E coli* experiment. Has it shown bacteria can evolve new information? [Answer](#) by Diane Eager.

2. DID YOU KNOW I met an atheist Easter Monday who walked into our Creation & Noah's Flood display tent at the Redlands Easter Festival and proudly proclaimed "This debate was over ages ago." So I gladly agreed, and told him "That's because God won!" They don't like positive input do they?

3. CREATION SCHOLAR Dr CLIFFORD WILSON PASSES. On April 5th, Brent Howard advised us his uncle Dr Clifford Wilson had passed away the previous night April 4, just short of his 90th birthday. Cliff was a late comer to the 6 day creation position, and this editor has fond memories of excavating at the Paluxy River Texas with him and travelling around Australia in the early days of creation work in this country. The hatred of many in the media for Christ the Creator showed strongly on one trip to Tasmania where a local Newspaper went to great trouble to announce Clifford would be speaking on how the world was created after a six day flood. But it got far worse when one regional paper went to extraordinary lengths to scour police reports worldwide so they could have both a paid advertisement for our meetings and on the same page, a news release about a totally different Clifford Wilson who had been arrested on rape charges. As Jesus said; "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven." (Matt 5:11-12). Cliff was truly blessed on that trip and is even more blessed now in Jesus presence as a result of that incident. In his later years we asked Cliff's assistance in preparing several Easter Conferences dealing with the evidence for Christ in Archaeology, which was but one of Clifford's many fields of study. Once Cliff came to the position Genesis was to be read as literal and God really did create in just 6 days, he became unshakable to the end.

Clifford was a renowned author with some 50 books published across a wide range of subjects from historical novels (The Search Collins, 1973), to the Occult and Eric Von Daniken (Crash Go the Chariots 1972, Crash Goes the Exorcist, 1974, Gods in Chariots and Other Fantasies, 1975), through biblical apologetics (That Incredible Book, the Bible, Pyramid Publications, 1975, New Light on New Testament Letters, Baker Book House, 1975), and his favorite subject archaeology; (Rocks, Relics, and Biblical Reality, Zondervan, 1977).

His main works published during his relationship with the Institute of Creation Research USA (Dr Henry Morris) were The Ebla Tablets: Secrets of a Forgotten City, Master Books, 1977 and Monkeys Will Never Talk—Or Will They?, Master Books, 1978. His last works dealt with Biblical reliability (The Bible Comes Alive, 2000.)

Clifford was a personal encouragement to us and a great help to Creation Research in Australia in his role as Editor of the newspaper New Life. We rejoice in the fact that Clifford long trusted Jesus Christ, not merely as Creator but as his own personal Savior and so the sting is taken out of his death and his remaining family and ourselves know we shall see him again with Jesus.

MORE INFORMATION AND PHOTOS OF CLIFF SEE:

[Personal](#)
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4. LOTS ON IN OUR CANADIAN MUSEUM so don't miss out [click](#).

5. DID YOU MISS Professor Andy McIntosh on "Why are there no published papers in peer review journals supporting creation or intelligent design?" click [here](#).

6. OLDEST REPTILE EMBRYOS found, according to report in ScienceDaily 11 April 2012 and *Historical Biology*, 2012; 1 DOI: 10.1080/08912963.2012.662230. A team of researchers from South America and France have found fossilised mesosaurs (a reptile like creature) associated with well preserved embryos and juvenile mesosaurs in Early Permian rocks in Uruguay. At another site in Brazil the researchers also found an adult mesosaur with an embryo contained within it, indicating the animals gave birth to live young or laid eggs at an advanced stage of development. The fossils are dated as 280 million years, making them the oldest reptile embryos ever found, as well as the oldest evidence of animals giving birth to live young. They are also the oldest amniote embryos, i.e. embryos surrounded by an amniotic membrane. The research team wrote in their report: “Our finds represent the only known documentation of amniotic embryos in the Paleozoic and the earliest known case of viviparity, thus extending the record of these reproductive strategies by 90 and 60 Ma, respectively”. Viviparity means giving birth to live young.

Link: [ScienceDaily](#)

ED. COM. Since we have several mesosaurs in our collection, two things come to mind. Mesosaurs are usually regarded as aquatic so some sort of large and rapid watery catastrophe must have happened to bury both adults and young with embryos preserved intact. Secondly, if these are truly the oldest amniotic embryos as well as the oldest evidence of live birth, then they must also be evidence that live birth and the associated amniotic membranes have only ever existed together in a fully functioning state. This find is a declaration that there is no evidence live birthing evolved slowly and gradually from some other form of reproduction.

And let's face it: it's easy to say the term “reproductive strategies” but such activities are something you have to get right in only one generation, since you don't get another try, simply because you have died out - caput – extinct! These fossil mesosaurs and their embryos are good evidence that all available evidence of mesosaurs shows they are only known to have reproduced their own kind, even though they are now extinct. So let us be very clear about this ... it is not the evidence that argues against their creation as fully formed creatures ready to reproduce after their kind, just as Genesis says, but the arrogant evolutionism of a baseless anti-biblical world view. (Ref. reptiles, development, ova, palaeontology)

7. SEE OUR GREAT MESOSAUR FOSSILS Click [here](#).

8. ALASKAN DINOS ENDURED POLAR WINTERS, according to an article in ScienceDaily 11 April 2012. Researchers from the USA and South Africa have carried out microscopic studies of dinosaur bones found in North Slope Alaska. Most of the bones were of *Edmontosaurus*, a hadrosaur, and *Pachyrhinosaurus*, a horned dinosaur. Hadrosaurs are commonly known as “duck-billed dinosaurs” and were plant eaters. The researchers found the bones showed regular patterns of rapid growth and slow growth, similar to tree rings. They concluded this was the result of enduring tough living conditions in the high Arctic during long dark winters, when there was a shortage of food for vegetarian dinosaurs such as these. Allison Tumarkin-Deratzian explained: “What we found was that periodically, throughout their life, these dinosaurs were switching how fast they were growing. We interpreted this as potentially a seasonal pattern because we know in modern animals these types of shifts can be induced by changes in nutrition. But that shift is often driven by changes in seasonality”.

They then examined the bones with those of similar dinosaurs found in southern Alberta, Canada and found they did not show the same “stress pattern” in the bones. One of the researchers, Anthony Fiorillo, a palaeontologist at the Museum of Nature and Science, Dallas, also studied the geology of rock layers in Alaska where the bones were found, and concluded the dinosaurs had been buried in flood deposits. He explained: “They are very similar to modern flood deposits that happen in Alaska in the spring when you get spring melt water coming off the Brooks Mountain Range. The rivers flood down the Northern Slope and animals get caught in these floods, particularly younger animals, which appear to be what happened to these dinosaurs. So we know they were there at the end of the dark winter period, because if they were migrating up from the lower latitudes, they wouldn't have been there during these floods”.

Link: [ScienceDaily](#)

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ED. COM. Did you notice that the researchers' conclusions assume that the place where these fossils were found is the place where they lived and died. However, the place where a fossil is found is only the place where it ended buried. The fact that they were found in flood deposits does indicate they lived and died somewhere else and have been washed in and dumped. How far away is anybody's guess. Likewise the pattern of rapid and slow growth may indicate these dinosaurs lived through periods of stress, but it is not proof they lived at the Arctic Circle.

As someone who has found Hadrosaurs in the rocks of southern Alberta, this editor has to admit that the same flood type deposits are seen in Alberta where the dinosaurs are buried with shells, sharks, turtles, logs, figs and fishes etc. Just for the record, I have also found Hadrosaurs in the rocks of Montana in similar flood deposits which is getting to be a rather coincidental number of floods over a very large area don't you think?

As the Alaskan researchers accurately note, present day floods do kill young, i.e. small animals, but did you notice they didn't comment on the fact that at the present, zero creatures are observed ending up as fossils? The Alaskan bone beds do show all the signs of being the final resting place for both sediment and bones that were picked up elsewhere, then carried along, dumped and buried, particularly since a 1987 report on these North Slope bone beds tells us they contain disarticulated dinosaur bones that have been "size sorted with the largest elements and densest concentrations near the base of the bed". (*Science*, vol. 237, pp1608-1610 25 September 1987.) So these bone beds actually are evidence for rapid catastrophic transport, followed by fast burial.

The same report also described the bones as having "rare permineralisation". This means they have not been much infiltrated by minerals in the ground water, which is the usual first indicator that bones have been buried a long time. The bone beds have been dated as "Late Cretaceous (claimed about 66 to 76 million years before the present)", but if the dinosaur bones had really been lying in this bone bed for around 70 million years they should have been thoroughly permineralised. So perhaps they haven't been there that long either?

We recommend that researchers should stop wasting their time speculating about how dinosaurs survived high Arctic winters and look at what the rocks and fossils really show. A good list of what other types of fossils have been found in these beds would be helpful to discover this. (Ref. fossilisation, reptiles, osteology, palaeontology)

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10. "ENIGMATIC" DINOSAUR EGGS FOUND, according to reports in BBC News 12 April 2012 and Fossil Science 14 April 2012 and *Cretaceous Research*, 2012; 35: 33 DOI: 10.1016/j.cretres.2011.11.014. Researchers from the first Argentine-Swedish Dinosaur expedition have found some bones and eggs of an "enigmatic birdlike dinosaur" known as an Alvarezsaurid. The bones are leg bones, parts of the pelvis and a vertebra. Two eggs were found with the bones and the researchers suggest they were in the oviducts of the animal when it died. There were also eggshell fragments nearby which showed signs of calcite resorption from the inner layers, indicating they had been incubated and had contained embryos well advanced in development. The fossil has been classified as a new genus and species *Bonapartenykus ultimus*.

One of the researchers, Martin Kundrát, also studied the structure of the eggshells and found it was different from other dinosaur eggs, so the research team have designated a new egg-family, the Arrigadoolithidae, named after Alberto Arrigada, who owns the site where the fossils were found. Alvarezsaurids are considered to be "basal coelurosaurs". The new bones and eggs were found in Late Cretaceous rocks in Patagonia and the new specimen is believed to be the "latest survivor of its kind from Gondwana, the southern landmass in the Mesozoic Era". Martin Kundrát commented: "This shows that basal alvarezsaurids persisted in South America until Latest Cretaceous times". The BBC article reported: "Palaeontologists said they expected the eggs, which were fertilised and well-developed, to help explain how birds evolved from dinosaurs".

Links: [BBC](#), [Fossil Science](#)

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ED. COM. WE PREDICT these bones and eggs will not help explain how dinosaurs evolved into birds. Why not? The fact that the site contained eggs is no more evidence that a dinosaur was evolving into a bird, than any present day reptile laying eggs is evidence that the modern reptile is turning into a bird. Likewise if it was a “basal alvarezsaurid”, that means it was the first of this kind of dinosaur to evolve, and if it survived until the time the dinosaurs died out even according to the evolutionists at the end of the Cretaceous period, then it must have reproduced after its kind from beginning to end. (Ref. reptiles, palaeontology, ova)

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