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1. **NEW QUESTION**

Question: "Was the earth really once a single continent? If so when?" [ANSWER](#) by John Mackay.

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3. OUR LATEST FOSSIL FINDS [CLICK](#)

4. NEW MURALS ON BABEL AND THE FALL go up at our Jurassic Ark museum. It will make you think as you see who and what is there [CLICK](#).

5. DON'T MISS THE NEXT PUBLIC TRIP TO JURASSIC ARK. It's looking beautiful after recent rains and with all the new Murals completed by our Artist Steve Cardno it's downright amazing.

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6. BLONDE HAIR EVOLVED TWICE, according to articles in Nature News, ScienceNOW, ScienceDaily 3 May 2012, and *Science* vol. 336 p. 554 DOI: 10.1126/science.1217849 4 May 2012. Most of the people of the Solomon Islands have very dark skin and black hair, but about 10 percent have dark skin and golden blonde hair which has been claimed to be a genetic legacy from European explorers, traders and visitors to the Islands.

But an international team of scientists has compared the genes of dark haired and blonde haired Solomon Islanders and found a mutation that causes blonde hair in Solomon Islanders but not in Europeans. The Solomon Island blonde gene comes from a "missense mutation" of a gene named tyrosinase-related protein 1 (TYRP1) and is the result of substituting a C (cytosine) for a T (thymine) in the genetic code. This change decreases the activity of one enzyme involved in pigmentation. The same mutation in mice results in reduced pigmentation in their fur. The researchers estimated that 25 percent of Solomon Islanders carry the gene, but since it is recessive it only causes blonde hair in those who inherit two copies. The gene carries no visible advantages so researchers suggest it spread rapidly through the population simply because the mutation occurred when the original population was very small. Anthropologist Jonathan Friedlaender of Temple University, Philadelphia explained: "This whole area seems to have been populated by very small groups of people making it across these stepping-stone islands, so you do have very dramatic effects in fluctuations of gene frequency".

Hair colour is influenced by a number of genes, but blonde hair in Europeans is not related to changes in the TYRP1 gene. The researchers compared the Solomon Islanders' genes with 941 individuals from 52 other populations around the world, including Europeans, but did not find the altered TYRP1 gene in these. Carlos Bustamante, a geneticist at Stanford University, who participated in the study claimed: "Blonde hair has clearly evolved twice". Sean Myles of Nova Scotia Agricultural College, Truro, Canada who, was also involved in the study, commented: "It's a great example of convergent evolution, where the same outcome is brought about by completely different means".

Links: [Nature News](#). [ScienceDaily](#)

ED. COM. This change in hair colour is not the result of what mutations do – it's the result of what they don't! This newly found mutation has caused a loss of function. When such a change causes no survival harm which would remove it from the population, the mutated gene will persist in the population. The move from black to blonde hair is a change but it is not evolution. It is a modification by loss of an already existing characteristic and does not explain how hair colour genes originally got here. Since hair colour is the result of the complex interaction of many genes and proteins, diminishing the function of any of these will result in less pigmentation.

Which also means the fact that Europeans and Solomon Islanders have both ended up with blonde hair by different routes involving mutational loss, is not convergent evolution, but similar degeneration. Overall, the reporting of this finding is an example of the current trend to call all biological changes evolution, and thus convince undiscerning people that evolution must be true. Sadly it also means the blonde is not the epitome of beauty after all. Just another degenerate mutant like the rest of us. (Ref. pigmentation, melanin, genetics)

7. GLACIERS SLOWING AND GROWING, according to reports in BBC News and Nature News 15 April 2012 and Science NOW and ScienceDaily. A research team at National Centre for Scientific Research and the University of Grenoble has studied satellite data from the Karakoram mountain range, north west of the Himalayas that includes K2, the world's second-highest mountain. The researchers used data

from 1999 and 2008 and concluded that during this time the glaciers have slightly increased in mass. This goes against the trend for glaciers in other parts of the world. Kenneth Hewitt, a geographer at Wilfred Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario commented: “There’s no question that Karakoram glaciers are holding their own, but exactly why that is, we don’t know”. According to Nature News: “Several studies hint that the climate in the Karakoram may be cooling, contrary to the trend in most of the world. Between 1961 and 2000, weather stations in the region recorded an increase in winter precipitation and a decrease in average temperatures during the summer. And during the same 40-year period, average flow volume for one of the region’s rivers, which is fed by glacial meltwater, was 20 percent below normal”.

Meanwhile, Ian Joughin, a glaciologist at the University of Washington, Seattle, and his colleagues studied satellite data about Greenland glaciers from the first decade of the 21st century and found a complex mixture of uneven movement of the glaciers, with acceleration of some glaciers being balanced by the slowing of others. In southeastern Greenland about 43 percent of the glaciers sped up in the first half of the decade, but around 25 percent slowed down by more than 15 percent from 2005 to 2010. These new results have led to climate scientists revising estimates of the effect of melting Greenland ice on sea levels from 46.7 cm to 9.3 cm by 2100.

Links: [BBC](#), [Nature News](#), [ScienceDaily](#)

ED. COM. The message of relentless melting of the world’s ice continues, but as the research above reminds us, the situation is more complex than that, with ice melting in some places yet forming in others. The media are very quick to publicise decline in the Arctic sea ice over the last few decades, however we rarely hear about the increase in Antarctic ice over the same period. (Check National Snow and Ice Database records [here](#)) It is also interesting to see where the media put their emphasis when complex results are reported. ScienceDaily’s headline on the Greenland glacier story is: “Increasing Speed of Greenland Glaciers Gives New Insight for Rising Sea Level”. ScienceNOW’s headline is: “Whoa There! Some Greenland Glaciers Slowing Down”.

Politicians who have been sucked into the “we caused the climate to do this so we can fix it,” will throw our money away in useless attempts to play God as they bedevil mankind with poverty. Whatever is happening to the world’s ice, there are large and complex forces at work, and we should be studying those in order to understand and live with changes that history tells us have happened time and time again to the world’s climate and environment, rather than relying on computer models based on man-made ideas and claims that we can change the world’s climate and oceans. (Ref. climate, glaciology, Asia)

“GLOBAL WARMING MELTS AWAY”. For one of the best summaries of real trends in global temperatures using publicly available data from official climate sources, by Randall Hoven see [here](#).

8. NO DOOM FOR POLAR BEARS AND PENGUINS according to articles in *The Globe and Mail* 4 April, BBC News and ScienceDaily 13 April 2012, and PLoS ONE 7(4): e33751. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0033751. A recent survey of polar bear numbers on the western shores of Hudson Bay Canada has defied predictions of declining polar bear populations by climate change doomsayers. The bears in this region were considered the most threatened populations of polar bears. In 2004, Environment Canada researchers concluded that the numbers in the region had dropped by 22 per cent since 1984, to 935 and predicted the population would decrease to about 610 bears.

The new survey conducted by the Government of Nunavut indicates the bear population is actually increasing, and now stands at 1,013. According to Drikus Gissing, Nunavut’s director of wildlife management, the survey shows that “the bear population is not in crisis as people believed”. He added: “There is no doom and gloom”. These results fit with reports from the native Inuit people who claim polar bears are increasing in number across the Arctic regions. Drikus Gissing estimates there are about 25,000 polar bears across Canada’s Arctic and commented: “That’s likely the highest [population level] there has ever been”.

Meanwhile, at the other end of the world a team of researchers, led by Peter Fretwell of the British Antarctic Survey, have used Very High Resolution Satellite imagery of the entire Antarctic coastline to

find colonies of Emperor penguins and estimate the size of each colony. They found 46 colonies, including four previously unknown ones. They estimated the number of adult birds to be 595,000, which, is almost double the previous estimates of 270,000 to 350,000 birds. One reason for carrying out this study was to calculate a baseline population so researchers can see if climate change is affecting the penguin's survival. Peter Fretwell commented: "The emperor penguin has evolved into a very narrow ecological niche; it's an animal that breeds in the coldest environment in the world. It currently has an advantage in that environment because there are no predators and no competition for its food. If Antarctica warms so that predators and competitors can move in, then their ecological niche no longer exists; and that spells bad news for the emperor penguin".

Links: [BBC](#), [ScienceDaily](#), [Government of Nunavut Report](#)

ED. COM. These population studies are a reminder we should concentrate on actual observation of what is there, rather than speculations based on computer modelling. Polar bears live in regions where people also inhabit, therefore, scientists should be taking note of the observations by the native peoples who live. Since no-one lives in most of the regions populated by emperor penguins the satellite based study is a clever way of answering the question about penguin population. However climate doomsayers who predicted the demise of the penguins because the ice sheet 'is disappearing' should also look at satellite studies of the Antarctic sea ice extent. Since satellite images have been available, the ice has undergone some changes but the overall trend is for a slow, but sure, increase for over 30 years. (Check National Snow and Ice Database records [here](#)).

These studies of animal population also expose the hypocrisy of environmentalists who insist all life evolved by natural selection and the struggle for life. Who should care then if predators move in and there is more competition for food because the ice is melting. That is what evolution is really about – struggle, survival, and death. Darwin himself summed it up at the end of his famous book: "Thus, from the war of nature, from famine and death, the most exalted object which we are capable of conceiving, namely, the production of the higher animals directly follows". (Darwin, 1859, *Origin*, 1st Edition, p491) (Ref. ice-caps, mammals, birds)

9. OBAMA DEVOLVES INTO GAY MARRIAGE, according to Courier Mail 10 May 2012, Barak Obama has announced he is now in favour of homosexuals getting married. According to the Courier Mail his views have changed over the years, as follows:

2004: "What I believe in my faith ... a man and a woman when they get married are performing something before God."

2010, "my feelings are constantly evolving."

2011: "still working on it."

2012: "I've just concluded, for me, personally, it is important for me to go ahead and affirm that I think same-sex couples should be able to get married."

Link: [Courier Mail](#)

ED. COM. We suspect it is Obama's political expediency that has evolved as the homosexual minority lobby gains more publicity and increases pressure. However, Obama and all other politicians contemplating changing the definition of marriage need to remember that one day they will have to give an account to the Creator God who not only created marriage to be one man and one woman in one shared life, but despises homosexuality just as much as he despises greed and lust, adultery etc. (Ref. homosexuality, family, matrimony)

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