



Dawkins is on a grand, if subtle, Bible Bash, while more non-evolving fossil ink has been discovered plus more arthritic dinosaurs found. We remind you our major web rebuild of <http://www.creationresearch.net> has started, so apologies for any links that don't function normally. We'll let you know when everything is back to hunky dory.

In Australia it is the last month before the government further bankrupts us with the new carbon tax which will achieve nothing and cost the earth – literally. And yes, the thought police in the government seem to have legislated so you can't criticise the tax by specifically allocating any cost increases to it. Of course if they fine us for saying this, it would become a self-fulfilling prophecy and our costs will go up. It shouldn't surprise you that many organisations including ours are doing it tough at the moment and if God has blessed you with spare funds click the donation button. We do need your help. [DONATIONS](#).

Meanwhile enjoy Evidence News 14/12 with EDitorial COMment from John Mackay and the Creation Research Team worldwide.

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1. **NEW "insight" DVD ON YOUTUBE** [CLICK](#). Canadian TV show "INSIGHT" quizzes Vance Nelson and John Mackay on: Dinosaurs, Age of Earth, Six Day Creation, Evolution and much more.

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**2. NEW QUESTION:** “What is the reason for dinosaur bones being carbon dated “billions” of years before humans?” [ANSWER](#) by John Mackay.

**3. DID YOU MISS?** “Tissue and cells in dinosaur bones just shows they last a long time. Why make a big thing of it?” [ANSWER](#).

**4. DON'T MISS** 7.40am AEST Tuesday's weekly segment with John Mackay: the Creation Guy, via 530 STATIONS AROUND AUSTRALIA on Vision Radio Network's "THE JOURNEY with Matt & Karen". Go to <http://www.vision.org.au> for station & frequencies, or click LISTEN ONLINE tab.

**5. DAWKINS BACKS BIBLE DISTRIBUTION** in an article in the *Guardian* 19 May 2012. Prominent atheist Richard Dawkins is supporting the British Government's gift of a King James Bible to students in British schools as a celebration of the 400th anniversary of the publication of the Bible translation authorised by King James I. He would have contributed to the cost of the project, but, as he wrote: “For some reason the Richard Dawkins Foundation for Reason and Science (UK) was not approached for a donation”. One of his reasons for backing the scheme is the great contribution to the English language made by the Bible. According to Dawkins: “A native speaker of English who has never read a word of the King James Bible is verging on the barbarian”.

However, he confesses his real reason for supporting the Bible distribution is that he hopes students who read the Bible will be put off Christianity when they read it and find that it is full of murder, mayhem and immorality. He wrote: “I have an ulterior motive for wishing to contribute to Gove's scheme. People who do not know the Bible well have been gulled into thinking it is a good guide to morality. This mistaken view may have motivated the ‘millionaire Conservative party donors’. I have even heard the cynically misanthropic opinion that, without the Bible as a moral compass, people would have no restraint against murder, theft and mayhem. The surest way to disabuse yourself of this pernicious falsehood is to read the Bible itself”. Link: [Guardian](#)

ED. COM. Dawkins is correct about the contribution to the English language made by the King James Bible. There are many memorable phrases derived from it that have become embedded in the language, e.g. *a law unto themselves* (Romans 2:14), *feet of clay* (Daniel 2:31-33), *no rest for the wicked* (Isaiah 57:21), *signs of the times* (Matthew 16:3) and even the good Aussie expression *to die like flies* (Isaiah 51:6). However, in the light of Dawkins' arrogant suggestion that reading the Bible will turn people away from God we suggest he remembers two small things: 1) *pride goes before a fall* (Proverbs 16:18) and 2) this author became a Christian after reading a science Text book by an Atheist who threw in a chapter on why there is no God and how stupid the Bible is. His arguments were like Dawkins' arguments - completely irrational and they so annoyed this then non-Christian Editor, he picked up the Bible to see what it said. John Mackay started at Genesis which while it obviously contradicted the millions of years in his evolutionist head – it was neither irrational nor full of hatred etc. In fact it offered a personal relationship to the Creator which he accepted on His terms and that relationship still continues –which is why he has stayed a Christian. It's also why he likes one other saying out of the Bible that really fits science .... “Test all things!” 1 Thess 5:21.

Dawkins' hypocrisy also shows in his comments on immorality. As an atheist he has no reference point at all for any morality, which is why his evolutionist cohorts in history - the Columbine Killer, Stalin etc don't have a good track record on consistency, rationality or kindness. Evil and goodness turn out to be anything that the self created god Dawkins wants them to be.

Those students who do read the Bible will indeed find there is plenty of murder, theft and mayhem in it, but the Bible differs from today's immoral movies full of murder etc in that it labels good good, and evil evil, and makes it very clear where such behaviour came from, i.e. human rebellion against their Creator. Therefore, anyone who wants to escape the immorality and chaos of this world will not find it by deliberate ignorance of the Creator, as Dawkins claims. The Bible tells the good news that God did not leave mankind condemned to endless murder and misery in a Darwinistic Dawkinian struggle for life. He came to earth as Jesus Christ, died to pay the penalty for man's rebellion, and rose from the dead. All those who put their trust in him can look forward to eternal life in a new heavens and earth, and life will be very good, just as God originally intended. Dawkins the atheist assumes the Bible is a human invention, but as many people, including the editors of this newsletter, have discovered, the Word of God is living and active, and God uses it to change lives for he changed ours. (Ref. education, sceptics, philosophy, world view)

**6. BRISBANITES** make sure you see the venues for ministry on our home page at <http://www.creationresearch.net> or read the end of this email.

**7. MAIN WEB REBUILD HAS STARTED** - we apologise for any links that are temporarily down.

**8. JURASSIC ARTHRITIS FOUND**, according to ScienceDaily and ScienceShots 15 May 2012 and Fossil Science 19 May 2012. Scientists at University of Bristol have found signs of arthritis in the jawbone of a Pliosaur, an extinct giant marine reptile with crocodile-like head, a whale-like body and four flippers. The jaw bone was found in Upper Jurassic rocks in Westbury, Wiltshire and is about two metres long. The researchers found signs of arthritic erosion of the bone of the left jaw joint. The degeneration of the joint had displaced the jaw sideways so that the animal's teeth were out of alignment. The jaw had erosion marks from the misaligned teeth, indicating the animal lived for a long time with the deformity. However, there was also an unhealed fracture of the jaw that probably led to the animal's death. According to ScienceShots: "The finding illustrates that the death of ancient beasts wasn't all ferocious battles and doomsday asteroids—they, too, suffered the mundane wear and tear of old age".

Link: [Fossil Science](#), [ScienceDaily](#)

ED. COM. Are you brave enough to see things God's way? Through the lens of the Creator who made all things good? If so the finding of Arthritis on Dinosaur bones means they didn't get into the rocks till after Adam sinned since anybody with Arthritis knows it is not very good. Not 100 million years ago. Not even 10,000 years ago. This is not the first fossil showing evidence of disease to be found. Dinosaur bones showing arthritis, bacterial infections and even cancer have been found.

These findings are also a reminder that the fossil record is not the history of onward, upward evolution of life, but is a record of disease, degeneration and death, and a powerful testimony that the real history of the world is from created perfection to degeneration resulting from human sin and God's judgement. (Ref. pathology, reptiles, fossils)

**9. CAR SIZED TURTLE FOUND**, as reported in articles in ScienceDaily 17 May 2012. Palaeontologists from North Carolina State University have found the fossil of a giant turtle in the Cerrejon formation in Columbia. The fossil has been named *Carbonemys cofrinii*, meaning "coal turtle" because it was found in a coal mine, and is dated as 60 million years old. The turtle's skull is 24cm (9.5in) long with large powerful jaws and it has a shell measuring 172cm (5ft 7in). Overall, the researchers estimate the animal was as large as a modern city "smart car". The researchers believe the turtle lived alongside other giant reptiles, including the giant fossil snake *Titanoboa cerrejonensis*, the largest fossil snake ever found. They suggest a warmer climate, fewer predators and abundant food supply enabled these giant reptiles to survive.

Links: [ScienceDaily](#)

ED. COM. A warm climate, few predators and abundant food will certainly enable giant animals to survive, but it doesn't explain how they got to be that big. For reptiles the important key factor is a long lifespan. Reptiles are born small, (mostly from eggs, some by live birth) but given good conditions they can grow throughout their lives. They grow rapidly for the first 25 years or so but then continue to grow though their whole lifespan. It means that if reptiles live for a long time in good conditions they can grow very large.

We are not told how long animals lived in the early history of the world, but Genesis tells us the human lifespan was mostly near 1000 years prior to Noah's flood. Therefore, animals, which shared that same good environment as people, could have had a lifespan many times the current norm, just as people did. After Noah's flood the environment degenerated and the human lifespan decreased. The same would have happened for animals, so it is unlikely we will ever again see car sized turtles competing for road space. You might also like to ponder what a Turtle was doing in a coal seam. (Ref. reptiles, growth, giants, weather)

**10. INK HAS NOT EVOLVED**, according to reports in ScienceDaily, Science Shots 21 May 2012 and PNAS, May 21, 2012 DOI: 10.1073/pnas.1118448109. Squid, octopuses and cuttlefish are soft bodied creatures, collectively named cephalopods. One of their distinctive features is an ink sac containing a dark brown pigment known as sepia, which consists of a mixture of organic compounds including melanin, a brown-black pigment found in skin and feathers of many living things.

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An international team of researchers has studied a fossilised ink sac found in Wiltshire, UK, in rocks dated as 162 million years old. They chemically analysed the pigment found within it and wrote: “Here, we apply direct chemical techniques to categorically demonstrate the preservation of eumelanin in two > 160 Ma Jurassic cephalopod ink sacs and to confirm its chemical similarity to the ink of the modern cephalopod, *Sepia officinalis*”. One of the researchers, chemist John Simon, commented: “It’s close enough that I would argue that the pigmentation in this class of animals has not evolved in 160 million years”.

Links: [ScienceDaily](#)

ED. COM. Not only has the pigment not evolved, the animals that contain the ink have not evolved either. The oldest dated fossils of squid and octopus look just like squid and octopus today.

The fact that these soft bodied creatures can be preserved with their ink unchanged is also evidence these creatures had to be buried rapidly.

Melanin is a complex organic molecule and according to the *Handbook of Green Chemicals* (2nd Ed, 2008) melanin concentrate solution has a shelf life of 1.5 years and melanin powder has shelf life of 5 years. Therefore, the melanin in the fossil ink sac should have broken down long ago if this fossil was a) buried slowly and b) really 162 million years old.

Creation Research has several fossil squids with intact ink sacs in our museum collection. We may not have the means to do the chemical tests carried out in the study described above, but we were able to carry out a more basic test – see if the ink could be dissolved and used to write. See the results and photos in our article *Fossil Ink Should Make You Think*. PDF download [here](#). (Ref. invertebrates, fossilisation, chemistry)

In addition, even though we have said it many times, cephalopods and fossil ink are evidence these creatures were created as fully functional creatures according to their kinds, and have reproduced after their kind.

**11. CREATIONIST BELIEFS PERSIST**, according to a recent Gallup Poll reported 1 June 2012. Gallup Poll have conducted a survey on beliefs about human origins. The results indicated 46 percent of Americans believe humans were created in their present form less than 10,000 years ago, 32 percent believe humans evolved under God’s guidance and 15 percent believed humans evolved with God playing no part in the process. The Gallup Poll organisation has conducted this same survey with the same questions 11 times since 1982, and the results for the young earth creation belief have been much the same, being 44 percent in 1982 and varying from 40 to 47 over the next 30 years. There has been a decrease in the theistic evolution believers from 38 to 32 percent and a rise in atheistic evolutionists from 9 to 15 percent. Gallup Poll concluded: “Despite the many changes that have taken place in American society and culture over the past 30 years, including new discoveries in biological and social science, there has been virtually no sustained change in Americans’ views of the origin of the human species since 1982”.

Link: [Gallup Poll](#)

ED. COM. Before we comment on these results it is important to remember that truth is not determined by a vote. If something is true, it remains true even if no-one believes it. Nevertheless, these survey results are significant. It is interesting that the increase in atheistic evolution seems to be at the expense of the theistic evolutionists rather than the creationists. Now that belief in God is no longer fashionable, those who wanted to have a veneer of God over an anti-God, anti-Biblical belief are becoming more consistent and leaving God out. However, the most significant results in these 30 years of surveys is that belief in recent creation remains firmly entrenched, much to the frustration of atheists and evolutionists like Richard Dawkins and David Attenborough. This trend is in spite of the fact that since the 1980s there has been an intense campaign in the professional literature, popular media, schools, colleges and even law courts, to convince people that evolution is true and only anti-science idiots believe in creation. This is why a recent article in *Nature* urged the scientific community to stop ignoring creationists and start fighting them. See our article: *Creationists Won’t Go Away* [here](#). However, the more they fight us, the less we will go away. After all, it is not really us they are fighting, but the Creator God and He has never lost a fight. Those who think He may have lost should be reminded that the final score is not in yet. That will be revealed on the Day of Judgement and the only survey result that matters then is whether your name is in Christ the Creator’s Book of Life. See Revelation 20:11-15. (Ref. opinion polls, philosophy, world views)

**12. FROM THE ARCHIVES:** Each week we publish links to previous items related to this issue's topics: [Dawkins Challenges Theistic Evolutionists](#), [Giant Snake](#), [T-rex Disease](#), Remember also, all our news items and quotes are archived as individual items in the Fact File on our Evidence website [here](#). Make the most of this useful resource.

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**BRISBANE READERS** Don't miss John Mackay's June Meetings.

**Sunday 10th June Northside:** New Hope 46 Kelvin Grove Road, Kelvin Grove.

9.30 AM: Climate Change, Creation and Creator. A great look at God's role in world systems as well as the actual evidence concerning climate.

6.30 PM: Exposing Evolution Confirming Creation. Two great sessions to bring your friends and your enemies to. Great Q and A in both sessions.

Contact: Pastor Matt Prater Phone: 07 3839 2312 Email [info@historymakersradio.com](mailto:info@historymakersradio.com).

**Wednesday 20th June** Capalaba Presbyterian 74 Lyndon Road near Redland Bay Rd.

7:30pm: Join John Mackay the Creation Guy as he shares on Genesis and the 6 days of creation. Were they really days? Did God need millions of years to create? What's the evidence? Were the long ages in Genesis real? Did God use evolution?

Join us as we look at all the evidence God's word is true from the first day of creation to the last Word in Revelation.

Followed by great Q&A time.

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**Sunday June 24th** Grace Bible Church 10 Yuletide St Holland Park.

5.00pm: DINOSAURS - THE EVIDENCE! CREATION AND NOAH'S FLOOD? Hear one man who has been on many dinosaur digs as he shares the evidence the Bible is real history. Join John Mackay the Creation Guy. Extended Q&A opportunity.

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