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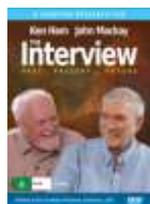
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1. KEN HAM / JOHN MACKAY DVD ON THE WAY: GROUND BREAKING, REVEALING, FASCINATING, CHALLENGING are the words which best describe the new DVD, filmed at the Creation Museum in Kentucky featuring John Mackay and Ken Ham as they show and discuss: "The Museum, The Ark, The Evidence, The Results, The Opposition, The Victories, The Blessings, The Future". Keep watching this space!

2. DON'T ADAM AND EVE IT? For humanity's last common male and female ancestors, according to www.popsci.com, Francis Diep, 1 August 2013; "Hundreds of thousands of years ago—when people still lived in small hunter-gatherer bands, when it's not even clear they were totally anatomically modern (though they probably were)—something happened in the human genome. Somewhere in Africa, a man carried a Y chromosome that would turn out to be the only surviving Y chromosome in humans today. This man lived

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around plenty of other people, perhaps with their own Y chromosomes, but chance whittled away his peers' contributions until only his was left. In a totally independent event, a woman carried mitochondria—tiny structures contained inside cells—that would become the only mitochondria people have today. Like the Y-man, she lived around other people, but over thousands of years, luck struck down all others' mitochondria save her own".

Link:

<http://esciencenews.com/sources/popsci/2013/08/01/new.evidence.when.did.humanitys.last.common.male.and.female.ancestors.live>

ED. COM. Our Canadian Creation Research correspondent Niels Andersen, comments that if the experts can agree there is only one surviving version of the Y chromosome in humans today, as well as only one surviving version of mitochondria (mitochondrial DNA) in humans today, perhaps it is time for scientists to consider the obvious: there never has been any other version of the Y chromosome, nor any other version of the mitochondria. Perhaps it is also time to admit that these two facts are not "totally independent", as suggested in the article, but can actually be connected by the scripture record which tells us that ... God made the first man Adam from the dust of the ground and He made the first woman from the first man's side (Gen 1:26-2:7). Having male and female created at the same time, means that successive generations of males would have preserved the unique Y chromosome, just as females have preserved a unique set of mitochondria, so the fact that there is only one known human Y chromosome and one kind of human mitochondria is certainly consistent evidence with the Biblical account that humanity started as one man and one woman. There is no need to make up unobserved "evidence", and no reason to invoke luck or chance. (Ref. genetics, genealogy, inheritance).

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3. CROC FRUIT EATERS, according to New Scientist 30 July 2013 and *Journal of Zoology*, doi.org/m9x. Thomas Rainwater of the US Fish and Wildlife Service in Charleston, South Carolina, and colleagues have carried out a study of the diets of alligators living in the Florida Everglades and found they included many types of fruits. They also carried out a survey of the literature on "crocodilian diet, foraging ecology, digestive physiology and movement patterns". The research team reported: "We found evidence of frugivory in 13 of 18 (72.2%) species for which dietary information was available, indicating this behavior is widespread among the Crocodylia. Thirty-four families and 46 genera of plants were consumed by crocodilians. Fruit types consumed by crocodilians varied widely; over half (52.1%) were fleshy fruits". The crocodiles may be using the fruit seeds as "gastroliths" to help grind other food, or they may simply have fruit seeds in their stomach from swallowing a fruit eating animal, but there is now evidence they deliberately eat fruit. According to New Scientist: "Last year a researcher working in south-east Asia reported seeing a wild Siamese crocodile tucking into a watermelon". As crocodiles and alligators roam far and wide they may help disperse seeds by regurgitating seeds or depositing them in their droppings, but this has never been investigated because, according to the research team, crocodiles "are generally assumed to be obligate carnivores incapable of digesting vegetable proteins and polysaccharides". The researchers concluded: "Crocodilian saurochory (seed dispersal by reptiles) offers a fertile ground for future research".

Link: [New Scientist](#)

ED. COM. Genesis 1 tells us all crocodilians started as vegetarian, (as did all creatures), so we shouldn't be surprised to still see evidence of this in any living animal group. But by the days of Job several hundred years after Noah, a huge crocodilian like monster with savage teeth and spikes etc had become a terrible threat to man. (See Job 41). Life may have begun eco-friendly but Genesis 1-20, records life's many forms did not stay strictly vegetarian, and after Noah's day, many resorted to eating meat and men, when life became a struggle

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for existence due to the degenerating post fall, post flood and post ice environment. Crocs are still a threat to man, but it seems they are still a benefit to fruit trees as the seed goes through their digestive tracts, then deposited on new ground, complete with a fresh supply of fertiliser. Such a mutual help animal/plant system works well only if all contributors are put in place together. If both the creatures and the mutual beneficial system had to evolve by chance, many plants would have died out waiting for their seed dispersers to evolve. In fact, seed dispersal reminds us that in the beginning God set up a functioning ecosystem with plants and animals interacting in a cooperative way to keep it going. (Ref. reptiles, ecology, diet)

4. NEW QUESTION: “Why do creationists claim evolution says man came from the apes, when evolution really teaches human beings came from a common ancestor with the apes? You should be more correct in your terminology. Get it right!” [Answer](#) by Diane Eager.

5. INTELLIGENT DESIGN, CREATION BANNED FROM SCIENCE in Queensland (Australia) schools, according to a 2013 policy document published by the Department of Education, Training and Employment. The page referring to the teaching of creation in science classes is entitled “Fact Sheet: Creationism and Intelligent Design” and contains the following statement: “The Australian Curriculum: Science and the Queensland Studies Authority Biology syllabus do not recognise the following as scientific theory: creationism, intelligent design, or any other metaphysical explanations of changes over time to living things; and do not identify these as part of any science curriculum. In Education Queensland schools, creationism and intelligent design are not recognised as scientific theory and are not included in the school science curriculum or in the teaching, learning and assessment associated with school science programs. Creationism or intelligent design is not to be compared with or evaluated against scientific theory”.

Link: [Policy Document](#)

ED. COM. In spite of the title of this page in the policy document, Qld education authorities have shown they are promoters of the naturalist view of science which was clearly stated in the (US) Science Teachers Journal: “Scientific theories are therefore explanations about aspects of nature without reference to God”. *The Science Teacher*, Nov 2003, p34. Which means the Department decision has nothing to do with evidence or truth seeking at all. It simply means the Education Department has by fiat authority defined creation as non-science, and banned students from asking questions about evidence in this area, or even investigating if any evidence could support it. Nothing can be guaranteed to kill student inquiry skills more than such a Soviet style brain stopper. Those who hold the currently prevailing world view, i.e. secular humanism, don't allow questions or facts that challenge their world view, so they are making teachers pretend they don't exist. We have said this before, but it applies here – when evolutionists have to get politicians, bureaucrats and/or lawyers to ban any alternatives to their theories they are admitting it won't stand up to real challenges. You Aussies have an election coming up ...time to kick out all secularists in high places, before they redefine voting rights as not allowable for any who believe in creation. (Ref. teaching, philosophy, world view)

6. DINOS HAD FLIGHT-READY BRAINS, according to articles in ScienceDaily 31 July 2013, and ABC News in Science and BBC News 1 August 2013. Birds have relatively large brains in relation to their overall body size compared with reptiles. This phenomenon is called “hyperinflation” and is considered necessary for birds to have sufficient brain power for flight. Amy Balanoff, a research associate at the American Museum of Natural History, and colleagues have carried out CT scans of the skulls of *Archaeopteryx* and a number of dinosaurs in order to assess their brain size compared with their overall body size. Using the scan results, they produced digital reconstructions of their brains and assessed the overall size of major sections of the brain such as olfactory bulbs, cerebrum, optic lobes, cerebellum, and brain stem. A relatively large cerebrum, optic lobes and cerebellum are necessary for the brain to have sufficient circuitry for the vision and muscle coordination involved in flight. The researchers then compared the results with living birds. They found some dinosaurs had brains at least as large as *Archaeopteryx*. Living birds also have a structure named the wulst, which is used in information processing and motor control. Researchers found evidence of this structure in

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Archaeopteryx, but not in dinosaurs. In spite of this, Amy Balanoff concluded: “If *Archaeopteryx* had a flight-ready brain, which is almost certainly the case given its morphology, then so did at least some other non-avian dinosaurs”.

Links: [ABC](#), [BBC](#), [ScienceDaily](#)

ED. COM. How could you know if a brain was “flight-ready”? The only way is to study brain cell circuits in flying creatures today. Size alone will not tell you this. It is reasonable to presume that those dinosaurs with big brains, had enough brains to know they should not try jumping off some high point to see if they could stay airborne, which means they knew they had no feathers, no matter how *National Geographic* illustrates them. *Archaeopteryx* presumably not only had sufficient brain, its fossil bones and feathers show it was flight ready also. Balanoff’s comment about body structures, reminds us that our brains should also be big enough to conclude that it is impossible to know what was going on in the brains of any creatures we only know as fossil bones. Maybe these scientists have accidentally stumbled across another theory as to why dinosaurs are extinct – they evolved flight-ready brains before flight-ready bodies, and then fell out of trees trying to fly. (Ref. neurology, neuroanatomy, reptiles, birds)

7. VEGETARIAN SHARK reported in Daily Mail 18 May 2012 and Marketing Birmingham May 2012. A tropical nurse shark in the Birmingham’s National Sea Life Centre has developed a preference for lettuce, cucumbers and other green vegetables over fish. When the shark first arrived it was not eating and an ultrasound revealed it had a fish hook embedded deep in its mouth. Vets operated and removed the hook. Following the operation the shark, which has been named Florence, was seen to be eating the vegetable food provided for a turtle housed in the same tank. According to Marketing Birmingham, “Florence’s mouth is filled with razor-sharp, serrated teeth designed for demolishing fish and crustaceans. Instead she uses them for pulping broccoli and cabbage and any other greens she can steal from fellow ocean tank resident Molokai the green turtle”. The shark has such a strong preference for greens that the keepers at the Sea Life Centre have to hide pieces of fish inside cucumbers to give it extra protein. Graham Burrows, a curator at the Sea Life Centre commented that the fish “has to be well hidden, because if she realises it’s there she’ll ignore the offering and wait for the strictly vegetarian option”. Burrows also commented: “Nurse sharks do occasionally graze on algae in the wild, and we weren’t surprised when Florence first stole some of Molokai’s greens. We just weren’t expecting her to go completely veggie. We wouldn’t want her to be an embarrassment to the other flesh-eating hammerheads and black-tipped reef sharks in the ocean tank”.

Links: [Daily Mail](#)

ED. COM. Marketing Birmingham is right about sharp teeth – they are just as effective at shredding lettuce and broccoli as they are at crunching crustaceans. As we have said many times, an animal’s teeth do not tell you what it eats, but only how it eats. Genesis does not tell us directly what fish originally ate, but it is consistent with the rest of Genesis, that originally they were vegetarian like all the land animals and birds. The fact that sharks in the wild do eat algae (seaweed) is evidence consistent with the concept they once were vegetarian. Furthermore, we are told that the original world was “very good”. So any original swimmers from Adam to Apes to Ankylosaurs, must have been able to do so without fear of being eaten by sharks or other water dwelling creatures. It was only after the fall of man when corruption and violence commenced that sharks developed a taste for fish, divers and surfers, as the algae became less nutritious. After Noah’s flood, the whole world environment degenerated, and both man and animals began supplementing their diet with meat and fish. (Ref. ichthyology, diets, degeneration, marine biology)

8. FROM THE ARCHIVES: [Y Chromosome](#), [Shark Teeth](#), [Archaeopteryx Brain](#), [Plant Eating Crocodile](#)

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