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1. MEETINGS IN THE UK [CLICK](#).

2. GENESIS IS TO BE READ AS REAL HISTORY? Free DVD [CLICK](#).

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4. SCHOOLS WARNED AGAINST CREATIONISM, according to the *Independent* (UK) 11 October 2012. The National Secular Society (NSS) in the UK have issued a report named *Evangelism in State Schools*, which calls on the government to introduce stricter guidelines to prevent evangelical Christian groups from “proselytising” during Religious Education (RE) lessons. The report is particularly concerned that visiting Christian RE teachers might “push creationism and their own brand of sex education”. According to the report: “The low priority given to RE and collective worship in many schools, combined with the short supply of qualified RE teachers and general pressure to provide sufficient teaching hours provides an ideal environment for evangelical groups to exploit”.

The NSS goes on to state: “The Secretary of State for Education has made it very clear that the teaching of creationist views as a potentially valid alternative to scientific theory should have no place in a 21st-century, publicly funded school. External visitors to schools will be regarded as figures of authority, particularly by younger pupils. When fundamentalist Christians express their sincerely and passionately held belief in the creation story, few children are likely to differentiate between what is being presented as a ‘belief’ and what is being taught as ‘valid scientific theory’”. A spokeswoman for the Department for Education said: “We have not seen any evidence to support these claims and have not received any complaints about this. State schools cannot teach creationism as scientific fact”.

Link: [Independent](#)

ED. COM. Notice what the secularists are most afraid of – creation and sex education based on Biblical guidelines. Over the years “creationism” has been used as a scare-word to intimidate education authorities and politicians to pass laws forbidding the teaching of evidence for creation and Noah’s Flood, and enforcing the teaching of evolution as proven scientific fact. The secularists warning about “proselytising” is pure hypocrisy. By banning creation, and proclaiming evolution as the only ‘valid scientific theory’ about origins, they are forcing their world view on everyone else, i.e. proselytising. The excuse that state schools are “publicly funded” is also invalid because a) states have no money except what they confiscate off the people and b) Christians make up a significant number of the public who provide the funds. If atheists were the only people who paid taxes they might have cause to complain. Atheists and humanists claim to believe in freedom of speech and belief, but they only want to allow those of their own beliefs to be able to live, work and educate their children according to their world view. It is about time churches, Christian organisations, education authorities and politicians called their bluff. (Ref. education, philosophy, politics, world-view)

5. MILLIONS OF LIGHT YEARS? Should we use the millions of light years to indicate how long ago the universe was created? New toon says it all [CLICK](#).

6. ARE WE MARTIANS? asks ScienceNOW in a report about a revived theory of how life arrived on earth, also reported BBC News 29 August 2013, New Scientist 1 September 2013 and ABC News in Science 2 September 2013. Biochemist Steven Benner of the Westheimer Institute of Science and Technology in Gainesville, Florida has proposed that “Life started on Mars and came to Earth on a rock”. According to evolutionary theory life is supposed to have arisen from non-living materials when simple hydrocarbons and other small molecules combined to form large complicated molecules such as carbohydrates, proteins, RNA and DNA. However, left to themselves hydrocarbons just form useless tars, and even if a molecule as complex as RNA formed in water it would quickly break down. Benner notes that minerals such as molybdates (oxidised molybdenum) and oxidised boron can prevent organic materials from turning into tar. These substances would have been more abundant on early Mars, rather than early Earth, because Mars was drier and had a more oxidising atmosphere. He also claims these can convert certain organic molecules into ribose – the sugar component of RNA. Many chemical evolutionists claim that RNA was the first complex life molecule to form, but have had another problem forming in early Earth’s oceans because of a lack of phosphate, which also forms part of RNA. There is plenty of phosphate on earth but it is

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commonly in the form of fluoroapatite, which is not very soluble, and therefore the early earth oceans would not have contained enough dissolved phosphate for life to start. Another group of scientists believe Mars could solve this problem as well. Using data from the Mars rovers and Martian meteorites Christopher Adcock of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and colleagues estimate that Mars is rich in phosphate containing minerals named chlorapatite and merrillite and the scientists claim they would have provided a better supply of phosphates for emerging life. Adcock and colleagues synthesised these in a laboratory and then tested them to see if how well they would release phosphate into the surrounding environment. Adcock explained: “We found that these more Mars relevant minerals chlorapatite and Merrillite, not only dissolved faster than fluoroapatite, they have higher solubilities, so the concentration of phosphate in solution is higher. And that equates to a higher availability of phosphate for potential biologic reactions on Mars”. In spite of these theories and experiments, some scientists accept they may never know how and where life emerged. Benner commented: “We will likely need to be satisfied with answers to a more indirect question: How *might* life have emerged?” (Emphasis in original.) He went on to say: “Building a time machine will help”.

Links: [ABC](#), [BBC](#), [New Scientist](#), [ScienceNOW](#)

ED. COM. This “life from Mars” theory is just a variation of an old theory called “panspermia” which claims the earliest life forms evolved somewhere else in space, and came to earth on meteorites. However, all such theories about the origin of life ignore the fact that chemistry alone cannot make life, whether it be on Earth or some other planet. It is true that living cells are made of chemicals, such as RNA, but it is not the chemistry that governs life, but the way such chemicals are organised, and the information they carry encoded in DNA. That is what makes the difference between life and non-life. Until scientists can explain where the information came from they cannot explain the origin of life. Please note: they do not need to build a time machine to find out. They just have to take notice of the information given by the Creator who made life from the chemicals He originally formed out of nothing. Check Genesis 1:1ff for the print version from the Creator who said “let there be ...” (Ref. astrobiology, chemistry, biochemistry)

7. NO WHIFF OF LIFE ON MARS, according to ScienceNOW and BBC News 19 September 2013.

Scientists searching for evidence of life on Mars have been looking for methane, a gas produced by living organisms, mainly bacteria. Some scientists believe that bacteria could survive underground on Mars away from the harsh conditions on the surface. They thought they had evidence of methane in 2003 and 2004 when they analysed the spectrum of light reflected from Mars using earth based telescopes and space probes orbiting Mars. However, to really know if there is methane on Mars they needed to analyse the air on Mars. They got their chance when NASA’s Curiosity robot began crawling around on the Martian surface, but after 13 months of sampling the Martian atmosphere, Curiosity has found no trace of methane on Mars. This has disappointed those looking for life outside earth, but the Curiosity scientists claim they can increase the sensitivity of the instrument and continue the search. Paul Mahaffy, a planetary scientist at NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center commented: “My one-liner would be, the hunt for the elusive methane continues”.

Link: [BBC](#), [ScienceNOW](#)

ED. COM. Even if the instruments with increased sensitivity find minute traces of methane on Mars it would not prove there is life on the planet. Methane can be also produced non-biologically, such as via volcanic eruptions and Mars is known to have had volcanoes. Approximately 5% of Earth’s methane is produced by such processes. It would be good if they would just admit their obsession with finding life on Mars is based on the belief that if life is found in places other than Earth, it will prove life can evolve by itself, without the need for a Creator God. It is true that the God who made life on Earth, could also make it elsewhere, e.g. Mars, but thus far there is not the slightest evidence life exists anywhere else in the solar system. Also since God has told us He made the stars, planets, etc. for giving light on the earth, and serving as signs to mark seasons and times (Genesis 1:14-19), there is no compelling Theological reason to suggest He made

physical life anywhere else. Please note: Genesis does not use the word “planet”, but this word simply means “moving star”, and therefore, Mars and other solar system objects are included among the stars referred to in the text. (Ref. astrobiology, chemistry, astronomy)

8. BIGGEST THING DEFIES COSMIC THEORY, according to National Geographic and Royal Astronomical Society (RAS) News 11 January 2013. An international team of astronomers has discovered the largest structure so far found in the universe – a cluster of 73 quasars that is four billion light years across. Quasars tend to form large clusters, known as large quasar groups or LQGs, but this one exceeded all expectations according to current astrophysical models, which estimate the upper size limit for cosmic structures to be about 1.2 billion light-years. Roger Clowes, an astronomer at University of Central Lancashire, UK, explained: “While it is difficult to fathom the scale of this LQG, we can say quite definitely it is the largest structure ever seen in the entire universe. This is hugely exciting – not least because it runs counter to our current understanding of the scale of the universe”. According to the RAS “The modern theory of cosmology is based on the work of Albert Einstein, and depends on the assumption of the Cosmological Principle”. The Cosmological Principle is “the assumption that the universe, when viewed at a sufficiently large scale, looks the same no matter where you are observing it from”. Clowes commented: “It could mean that our mathematical description of the universe has been oversimplified—and that would represent a serious difficulty and a serious increase in complexity”.

Links: [National Geographic](#), [RAS News](#)

ED. COM. Clowes is correct – the current mathematical description of the universe is too simple, but not for reasons Big Bang astronomers believe. The real reason is the universe was created by a far greater intelligence than Einstein and all the current generation of astronomers put together. God is outside the universe, and He can place in it any sized structure He likes. Therefore, we should not be surprised when we find larger and more glorious structures as we study the universe. These genuinely awesome structures should remind us that the Heavens declare the Glory of God. Therefore, astronomers should humble themselves and take notice of what God said about the origin of the Universe. If they did they may find answers to the questions the Big Bang theory and Cosmological Constant leave unanswered. (Ref. astronomy, cosmology, stars, physics)

9. DID YOU MISS the question on the Big Bang: When did it happen in relation to earth’s history? Could it have happened? John Mackay’s answer [here](#).

10. NOBEL PRIZE FOR “GOD PARTICLE” according to BBC News 8 October 2013 and ABC News in Science 9 October 2013. Peter Higgs and Francois Englert have been awarded the 2013 Nobel Prize for Physics for proposing the theory of the Higgs Boson. The Nobel committee citation stated the prize was awarded “for the theoretical discovery of a mechanism that contributes to our understanding of the origin of mass of subatomic particles, and which recently was confirmed through the discovery of the predicted fundamental particle, by the Atlas and CMS experiments at Cern’s Large Hadron Collider”. Higgs and Englert first proposed the existence of the particle in 1964, but it was not confirmed until 2012. According to the ABC, “The Higgs boson is the last piece of the Standard Model of physics that describes the fundamental make-up of the universe. Some commentators - though not scientists - have called it the ‘God particle’, for its role in turning the Big Bang into an ordered cosmos”.

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

ED. COM. If this particle exists in the universe outside the CERN atom smasher it will not explain the origin of anything. It may help to explain why matter behaves the way it does, but it will not explain where it came from, and it certainly cannot explain how nothing produced the entire universe, or how order can come out of a Big Bang. Those who want to call this particle the “God particle” will one day have to explain to the real God why they put their faith in a theoretical particle, and not in the Creator God who made the ordered

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cosmos they have been studying. On Judgement Day God will not be giving out any prizes to such people. However, for those who have put their trust in the Creator, Judge and Saviour there will be something far better than a Nobel Prize – eternal life in a New Heavens and Earth that will be filled with wondrous and beautiful things for us to enjoy and give glory to the real Creator God. (Ref. cosmology, physics)

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11. FROM THE ARCHIVES: [Life from Earth to Mars](#), [Mars Meteorite](#), [Galaxies Baffle Astronomers](#), [Big Freeze Theory](#).

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