



Indian High Schoolers discovered to be facing massive onslaught from Darwin, as John Mackay speaks in their country and fabulous fossil sex disproves evolution, while Archaeopteryx claimed to have devolved ...not evolved, at the same time as Dinosaur fossils show they hadn't stopped growing when buried! It is another great Evidence News number 23/13 with EDitorial COMment from John Mackay and the world wide team at Creation Research.

P.S. John Mackay is lecturing in several Indian Universities this week so get behind it in prayer as well as a practical way with your online financial support to Creation Research [CLICK](#).

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1. NEW QUESTION: "Did Eve eat an apple?" ANSWER by John Mackay click [here](#).

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3. FLIGHTLESS ARCHAEOPTERYX THEORY reported in Nature News 12 November 2013. Michael Habib, a biologist at the University of Southern California has a new theory on Archaeopteryx: rather than being a “proto-bird”, i.e. a dinosaur evolving into a flying bird, it was a flying bird that was evolving into a flightless bird. Habib carried out a study of limb proportions and feather symmetry of living birds and compared them with *Archaeopteryx*. According to Nature News, “he found that the creature’s traits were surprisingly similar to those of modern flightless birds such as rails and grebes that frequently dwell on islands”. Habib commented: “We know *Archaeopteryx* was living on an archipelago during the Jurassic. And with its feathers and bones looking so much like modern flightless island birds, it just makes me wonder”.

Link: [Nature News](#)

ED. COM. What a conundrum for the evolutionists now. If *Archaeopteryx* was losing its flight ability it was degenerating, not evolving. If its skeletal proportions and feathers were like rails and grebes, we need to keep in mind those creatures are birds, not dinosaurs. Lose, lose for the evolutionists. We still have to ask: what actually was Archaeopteryx, but there is little need for wild speculation. The actual evidence, i.e. the fossils, shows that *Archaeopteryx* was its own distinct kind, and until we can find a more feathered version, we have no evidence it was evolving from or degenerating into anything else. Probably best to think of it as the platypus of the flying world, i.e. a mixture of characteristics but unrelated to any other creature. The fact that it no longer exists is a reminder that there were once more flying creatures in the world, and their fossils are remnants of a world that started out good but has degenerated, but they are not evidence of a world evolving upwards. (Ref. birds, ornithology, flight)

4. T. REX KEPT ON GROWING, according to a report in Nature News 1 November 2013. Palaeontologist Jack Horner of the Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman, Montana, has studied the microscopic layers of fossilised bones of dinosaurs in the museum’s collection to see which of them had finished growing. Growing bone contains numerous canals for blood vessels and holes for bone forming cells, named osteocytes, whilst bone that has ceased growing has an outer layer of closely packed bone layers with few blood vessels and osteocytes. Therefore, it is possible to tell if bones were still growing when an animal died. As expected, all fossils labelled as juveniles had growing bones, but so did most of the adults, including a 10 metre long *Allosaurus* and the museum’s six *T. rex* specimens. Horner commented: “I think all the *T. rex* specimens found so far were still growing when they died”. He also commented about the *Allosaurus*: “It’s a big one, and it was undeniably still growing — ripping along, really — when it died”. Horner suggests that the still growing adults were mostly growing in bulk, rather than getting taller. Kevin Padian, a palaeontologist at the University of California, Berkeley, who was not involved in the study, commented: “For years we’ve been finding robust and gracile forms of skeletons that are otherwise very similar. Some have suggested the robust ones were males and the gracile ones were females. Others have argued they were different species. Now it looks like they were actually just different ages”.

Link: [Nature News](#)

ED. COM. We have been saying this for years, especially since many present day reptiles fishes, etc. we have observed, are capable of growing all their lives. It is good to have our position strengthened by actual evidence from fossil bones. This new evidence helps explain how dinosaurs got to be so large. Genesis tells us that people had very long lifespans prior to Noah’s flood, so it is possible dinosaurs had equally long lifespans. We are also told that the world started out “very good” and the fossil evidence indicates the world used to be one of abundant lush vegetation. Therefore, if dinosaurs were capable of growing all their lives, and lived in good conditions they would get to be very large, simply by living for a long time. (Ref. osteology, histology, growth)

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5. PETRIFIED SEX FOUND, as described in ScienceShots and ScienceDaily 6 November 2013 and Nature News 7 November 2013. Palaeontologists in China have found the fossils of two froghoppers mating. Froghoppers are small insects that hop about on plants. The fossils are very well preserved, showing the detailed structure of their segmented abdomens. They are dated at 165 million years old, making them the oldest known fossils of mating insects. Dong Ren of Capital Normal University, China who led the study explained: “We found these two very rare copulating froghoppers which provide a glimpse of interesting insect behaviour and important data to understand their mating position and genitalia orientation during the Middle Jurassic”. The fossilised insects are 15mm long and positioned belly to belly with the male reproductive organ inserted into the female in exactly the way living froghoppers mate. According to the researchers, the insects’ “genitalic symmetry and mating position have remained static for over 165 million years”. This is summarised by ScienceShots: “The evolutionary lesson: Modern froghopper sex positions are tried and true”.

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

ED. COM. There is no evolutionary lesson here, because nothing has evolved. If fossil froghoppers look and act the same as living froghoppers, they have reproduced after their kind, just as Genesis says. The use of the word “evolutionary” to describe something that has “remained static for over 165 million years” is part of a general trend for using the word “evolution” for every discovery involving living things and fossils. Don’t be brainwashed. When something is described as evolution, ask “what has changed”? If nothing has changed then it is not evolution. Secondly, try to get an evolutionist to explain to you where sex came from. After all it has to work the first time or you are extinct! (Ref. fossilisation, arthropods, insects, reproduction)

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