



With a Big Brain gene found for man which makes us smarter than monkeys, it's a good time to remind you how to strip off the emperor's ever evolving clothes and get at the real facts. That plus fossil flyers and fishing corals, along with a free [preview](#) of our latest DVD *Time's Up Darwin*, (it will be available in all countries in December), means it's another great Evidence NEWS 30/12 with EDitorial COMment from John Mackay and the Creation Research Team around the globe.

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1. NEW QUESTION: PEPPERED MOTHS? How do you explain the moths in England changing colour to survive industrial pollution if evolution isn't true? [ANSWER](#) BY Diane Eager.

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3. OLDEST FLYING FISH FOUND, according to Nature News and BBC News 31 October 2012. A group of researchers in China have found fossilised flying fish, “exceptionally well preserved in grey mudstone” in Xingyi in Guizhou province in southwest China. The fossils are dated as Middle Triassic, 235-242 million years old, making them the oldest flying fish known. They have been named *Potamichthys xingyiensis*, and are classified as belonging to an extinct group of fishes named *Thoracopteridae*, which had previously only been found in the Upper Triassic of Europe. The fish have large pectoral fins and a forked, asymmetrical tail similar to that seen in living flying fish, but they are different to living flying fish in other ways. The scientists suggest “gliding has evolved only twice among fishes: once in the Triassic *Thoracopteridae*, and again in the modern *Exocoetidae*” (living flying fish) in order to help them escape predators.

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

ED. COM. Did you notice how they were compelled to fit the data into evolution rather than just report it? These fish may be different to living flying fish, but that is no more proof flying fish evolved twice than the existence of living flying fish is proof they evolved once. Since no-one has seen a non-flying fish evolve into flying fish, the data is we found some fish that have appendages similar to today’s flying fish and here’s how similar or how different they are. That’s why we go to such length to always tell you when we do put the data in a Biblical perspective so you know the problem here is not science vs religion but which historical perspective or framework do you accept by faith – Darwin’s who wasn’t there or the Creator God who was, who said; “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures ... So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds ... And God saw that it was good”. (Genesis 1:20-21)

If these fossils do turn out to be the oldest flying fish, then the fact that some flying fish are now extinct is a reminder that the world is going downhill and losing living things, not evolving upwards and gaining them. Again this is evidence consistent with the Biblical history of the world, but sadly has degenerated due to human sin and God’s judgement, and therefore many living things, including perhaps these newly discovered flying fish, have died out. Furthermore, the fact that these fish are “exceptionally well preserved in grey mudstone” indicates they were rapidly and deeply buried. Fish cannot be preserved well enough to show details of fins and scales, as these ones were, by slowly sinking to the bottom of the sea and then gradually being covered by sediment. These fossils are evidence for rapid catastrophic processes, not slow uniformitarian processes. Time is not preserved in the rock record but catastrophism is! (Ref. locomotion, ichthyology, fossilisation)

4. DON’T MISS FAST FOSSIL SLIDE SHOW [here](#).

5. USA READERS: DINOSAURS – get your copy of Dire dragons <http://vimeo.com/m/53628307>.

6. CORALS CALL IN FISH according to ScienceNOW and *New Scientist* 8 November 2012 and *Science* 9 November 2012: Vol. 338 pp. 804-807 DOI: 10.1126/science.1225748. Coral reefs and seaweed both need light to survive, but seaweed can easily overgrow corals and block the light, and some seaweeds are poisonous to corals. Scientists studying the tropical coral *Acropora nasuta* have found that when it is overgrown by seaweed it sends out a chemical signal that attracts goby fish, which eat the seaweed. To test whether the fish were responding to the coral signals they placed gobies in tanks with a seaweed named turtleweed, which grows on coral reefs and damages them. The fish were indifferent to it when they were in a tank with the seaweed alone, but when placed in a tank with coral and seaweed they were attracted to the coral and removed the seaweed. The scientists summarised their findings as: “Thus, the gobies serve as bodyguards for host corals, and the coral chemically cues gobies to attract them to the site of coral-algal contact where they begin removing the alga (seaweed)

within minutes of seaweed contact”. The researchers suggest this mutualistic relationship is the “marine parallel to terrestrial ant-plants, in that the host provides shelter and food in return for protection from natural enemies”.

Link: [New Scientist](#)

ED. COM. Have you noticed that no creatures can exist “by themselves”, but all are interdependent on a whole range of other creatures. These mutualistic relationships are a reminder that the living world really functions on cooperation, rather than competition. Darwin blew it right there! Chemical signalling between plants and animals is not a new find. Many grasses manufacture chemicals which deter grazing animals when they are being over-grazed and need time to re-grow. Furthermore, mutualistic and symbiotic relationships between different living things are proving to be the norm, rather than the exception. This is exactly what you would expect because living things were created as part of predesigned ecosystems where they were designed to interact with one another in a way that enhanced the life of all, rather than compete so “the fittest would eliminate” the unfit. As such they serve as evidence that the world was created in a short time and was originally very good. The researchers make no comment about how they believe this mutual relationship came about, but we wonder how they think corals survived in the evolutionary timetable as both coral and seaweed supposedly evolved millions of years before vertebrate fish and the sea grasses were supposedly here before the corals. What an impossible uphill battle. We also wonder how they believe corals evolved the genes for producing the chemical signals while the fish evolved the genes for responding to the signal just in time for the corals to survive eh? Unlikely, since the fish in this case show no sign of exclusively depending on the corals for their survival. One cannot be responsible for the other, but each is useless without the other. (Ref. ecology, mutualism, ichthyology)

7. BIG BRAIN EVOLVER FOUND, according to *Nature Communications* doi:10.1038/ncomms2146, and ScienceDaily 14 November 2012, who report “An international team of researchers have discovered a new gene that helps explain how humans evolved from chimpanzees”. The gene is named miR-941 and is found in humans, but not in apes. The gene codes for a micro-RNA – a small sequences of RNA that regulates other genes. This gene was found to be active in brain cells and affects genes involved in chemical signalling between nerve cells. Martin Taylor of the University of Edinburgh, who led the study, commented: “As a species, humans are wonderfully inventive – we are socially and technologically evolving all the time. But this research shows that we are innovating at a genetic level too. This new molecule sprang from nowhere at a time when our species was undergoing dramatic changes: living longer, walking upright, learning how to use tools and how to communicate. We’re now hopeful that we will find more new genes that help show what makes us human”.

Link: [ScienceDaily](#)

ED. COM. So “this new molecule sprang from nowhere” eh? Let’s undress the facts from the emperor’s ever evolving clothes. What was actually found – a MicroRNA gene not found in any creature apart from man, who is the only creature with brains big enough to appreciate the find and the only one to bother to look for such things and ask questions about it. What it may prove: humans need this gene for our brains to function and apes don’t. What it doesn’t prove: The fact that this gene is found in humans but not apes does not explain how man evolved from chimpanzees, particularly if you resort to the ‘sprang from nowhere’ thesis. MicroRNA genes are often found in regions of the human genome that were once written off as “junk DNA” because they do not code for proteins. However, as a recent project that analysed the human genome found, most of “junk” is actually functional, with much of the junk DNA discovered to be coding for switches and regulators for other genes, just like this newly discovered unique human gene seems to be. See our report on the ENCODE Project [here](#).

WE PREDICT that as geneticists study these micro-RNAs they will find more genes that are uniquely human, just as Martin Taylor hopes. However such gene finds will never explain how human beings came into existence, nor explain all the differences between humans and animals. Genetics will only explain how our bodies differ from those of the monkeys, apes etc. The most significant difference between animals and humans is that we are created in the image of God who is a Spirit, and animals are not.

FINAL FAITH FACT: Martin Taylor's comment exposes the empty faith of evolutionists, who believe genes can spring from nowhere, or that somehow humans forced the invention of their own genes by learning to walk, talk and use tools. In addition Taylor's comment betrays up the dramatic difference between IQ, PhD's and wisdom yet again. IQ you are born with. PhD's come from universities. Wisdom comes only from the God who created all things, and the fear of God truly is the beginning of such wisdom. (Ref. neurology, genetics, anthropology)

8. THE IMAGE OF GOD: What does it mean? Read our answer [here](#).

9. FROM THE ARCHIVES: Each week we publish links to previous items related to this issue's topics: [Fossil Fish](#), [Plant Animal Symbiosis](#), [Ape and Human Genes](#), [Plant Fungus Symbiosis](#).

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