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WELCOME to a new look Creation News, the first that I have been responsible for compiling since taking on management reins from John Mackay. Be blessed as we still have great contributions from John and Diane Eager too in this issue and reports of Ministry work around the globe. We trust that you will be excited by the fact that people are being regularly challenged with the gospel through the ministry and in the Discovery Centres, some hearing the good news for the first time and taking Christian materials with them. One man wrote in his Baptism testimony that he was going through a difficult time in his life and happened to be near the Tasmanian Creation Discovery Centre and was drawn inside. He was confronted with the existence of a creator and the amazing evidence for the God of the Bible. This set him on a path to discovering Jesus with the help of other believers. We hope that gets you as encouraged as we were when we heard about it. Pray also for John Mackay as he leads our research/writing projects like the item below on GOSPEL BOOMERANGS plus cares for his wife Anne while the Lord Jesus leaves her in his care.



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GOSPEL BOOMERANGS

Did you know Moses grew up in an Egypt that had returning boomerangs? This has been known since the 1880's. Moses even left evidence of this in the Bible.

Be blessed by the evidence below and come see the evidence for yourself in our boomerang display which includes throwing sticks and boomerangs from India, USA, Poland and even Egypt. We now have one of the world's best collection of boomerangs at our Queensland Discovery Centre at Acacia Ridge.

The New Testament reminds us Moses grew up in Egypt and was highly educated in all the ways of the Egyptians (Acts 7:22). Raised in Pharaoh's courts Moses would have known about about both returning and non-returning throwing sticks or boomerangs.



Egyptian killing stick



Egyptian returning stick

Proof that the Egyptians had returning boomerangs has been known since 1872 when English archaeologist and scholar Lt Gen Pitt Rivers F.R.S. reported he had made an accurate copy of an Egyptian boomerang and tested it by throwing it many times. He reported: "I also succeeded in at last

obtaining a return flight, so that the weapon, after flying seventy paces forward, returned to within seven paces of the position in which I was standing." [Report of the BAAS for 1872 Address to the Department of Anthropology. Lane Fox p. 161]

One of the boomerangs Rivers investigated even had Pharaoh Rameses name inscribed on it. Pitt Rivers' work easily fits the Biblical history that Aboriginal Ancestry goes back direct to Babel some 4000 years ago, but not the currently popular 40,000 years linking them to vague evolutionary ancestors. With the rise of Darwinism, Rivers' work has been completely ignored, which has led even Australian Aboriginals to conclude falsely that they invented returning Boomerangs – a falsehood at best.

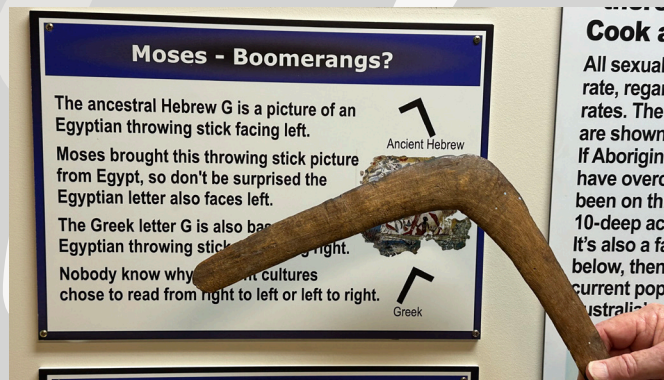
Moses knowledge of boomerangs is also seen in his use of the Egyptians boomerang hieroglyph in the Bible text. Egyptians used a bent stick to write the sound 'ga'. The New Testament reports Moses had been highly educated in all the ways of the Egyptians (Acts 7:22), so don't be surprised he took their bent stick letter symbol with him through the Exodus, where it would still have had the original Egyptian meaning related to boomerang (or returning stick). When Moses compiled the book of Leviticus shortly after Sinai he even used the Egyptian Boomerang Hieroglyph in Leviticus 25:48 where he scribed 'One of his brothers may **redeem** him' (see Strongs 1350).

The Hebrew word **ga-al** used here, meaning "kinsman-redeemer" starts with the boomerang letter (ga) and describes a person who brings you back, one who returns you to where you could or should be. The best-known Old Testament example is Boaz who was kinsman-redeemer for Ruth and Naomi. Jesus is the ultimate kinsman-redeemer for His people i.e. the Saviour who comes to you and returns with you to the Father above. The returning boomerang letter is very appropriate in this



Craig with Australian Aboriginal Boomerangs

context. Later Israelites would change the name of this Egyptian letter to 'gimmel' and argue over whether it was a camels' neck? Now go and share the Gospel truth, the whole truth with Australian Aboriginals and all who need to hear that they may come to the Truth!



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BRILLIANT BOOMERANG DISPLAY

See one of the world's best collection of boomerangs on display at our Queensland Discovery Centre at 9 Success St Acacia Ridge. From Adam to Australia, from Babel to Bible check out the evidence for yourself. Alongside our Boomerang exhibit we also have Australian Aboriginal artefacts and the history of Aboriginal migration from the Tower of Babel to Australia. Don't miss 'From Adam to Australia for Jesus Sake'.

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Diane with a Polish Boomerang

PLANATION SURFACES – Plain to See

A person's worldview influences the way they interpret evidence about the past. Scientists are no different and use an underlying philosophy to shape their interpretation of evidence. It follows therefore that if you have a false worldview, you are more likely to arrive at a false conclusion no matter how clever



Fossil Butte Wyoming USA

your story has been constructed. For example, when we look at landforms across the world many hold that these have been subject to millions of years of slow processes in their formation. God's word however demands that the flood of Noah's time, which destroyed the entire earth, and post-flood processes like volcanoes, earthquakes and glaciers are the truths behind what we now see in the landscape.

One such landform that can be readily seen around the world by an attentive observer is labelled a planation surface. This is an area of land that has been "planed-off" by extensive sheets of running water. They are most obviously seen as plateaus, tabletop mountains and similar formations but may also occur as extensive lowland plains. A plateau, mesa and butte are terms for planation surfaces in decreasing order of size. One well known planation surface is the Fossil Butte in southern Wyoming USA.



Planation surface Southern Idaho USA

Such features are challenging for a long-age believer to explain because we do not see anything like them forming today and if the world was millions of years old, erosion should have mostly destroyed them by now. However, a biblical worldview incorporating a global flood enables an explanation that makes sense.

Huge volumes of sediment (rock particles laid down by water) were deposited in the 150-day ascending phase of Noah's flood, some of these deposits being kilometres thick. At the end of this period, as the land surfaces were lifted or dropped, huge sheets of water started pouring off the land with incredible power. Fast flowing water is known to even gouge steel in a process called cavitation. Similarly, unconsolidated rock and sediments would be readily sheared flat by the force of flow, with canyons and gorges also carved out over short periods of time.



Alnif Area Morocco. Widespread planation surfaces divided by extensive erosion

The Creation Research team have been compiling evidence of these formations around the world including in recent trips in parts of Australia, USA and Morocco (see pictures). Here are just a few of the many pictures we have taken of these very common features in the landscape. Aussies, take a close look for them next time you go for a drive.



Gilgandra NSW Australia



Table Mtn Tasmania Australia



MOROCCAN RESEARCH TRIP

A small team of Creation Researchers headed to Morocco in late 2025 to investigate some important fossil sites in that country. Australians Craig Hawkins and Des and Linda Tan self-funded their trip and travelled with Joseph Hubbard from the UK and we were privileged to have a local Berber and trained geologist named Mohand as guide. Moroccan fossils are amongst the most common on the world market and it was fantastic to gain an insight into the geology of the areas they are obtained from and the challenging conditions that the locals endure to extract them in searing desert conditions.

At the remote Kem Kem region southeast of Merzouga and bordering the Sahara desert, we had the opportunity to dig for dinosaur and other fossils, including in the narrow dark mines constructed by local diggers. The picture (above) shows Joseph out the front of a mine we entered with Mohand (left) and the local digger (right). Joseph was able to purchase a newly found dinosaur bone from this very mine, probably a Spinosaurus, for use in his PhD research. Other fossils we found there included Garfish scales, Pterosaur bones and turtle bones. Land, sea and flying creatures all buried far inland and all in the same layers. Morocco is regarded as the 20th most restrictive country in the world for the Christian faith with 3-year jail terms for proselytizing. It was therefore interesting to get into a faith discussion with Mohand on the very first evening. It arose after we were told that the ancient capital Marrakesh, from which we get the name Morocco in English, means in the Berber language 'Land of God'. Another Berber present added that it can also mean 'Land of Cush', where Kesh=Cush. They understood that they were descendants of Ham, Noah's son.

Later in the trip Mohand very graciously allowed us to conduct a small communion service on a Sunday in his garden (see picture) where he politely listened in. Pray for Mohand and the people of Morocco that they will freely hear the good news that Jesus Christ is the creator and Saviour of all people.



SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SUPPORTERS, look out for Craig Hawkins and Derek Wells coming to your state with fossil displays and presentations in May/June this year. See 'www.creationresearch.net' for details or call Craig - 0487 343348

Updates from *John Mackay*



Anne Mackay

For our many supporters who have known John and Anne Mackay over the years of Ministry, John has provided this update: Each day John goes to visit Anne at the Care Home to feed her breakfast and tea and take her to the park. As a result, John is only available for Ministry within an hour or twos drive of the Care home. Anne has some very good days as she and John read through her Bible. Sometimes she grabs John's phone from his pocket to listen to Christian songs and short sermons read over the phone. BUT lately Anne's health has rapidly declined, and she has since been placed in palliative care. Much prayer for wisdom please.

New Book on "Old" Things

One other factor arising from this is that John will be very active in this coming year dealing with book projects including one on a most asked question – "How old is that?" Diane, John, Craig, Daryl, Clem, Joseph and others will put their talents together to deal with all the related issues: Stars, Fossils, Rocks, Six days etc. It will be a very readable, highly colourful and illustrated book on this vital area. It should take the team around six months to put together. Pray much for all aspects of Creation Research.

Road Trips and Ministry

Pray for Craig Hawkins who now heads up Creation Research and will be spending quite a bit of time on the road in Australia. Joseph Hubbard will be coming to Australia in June for ministry, field trips, PLUS open days at Jurassic Ark and our museums. Contact John on 0488 098 130 if you would like to have Joseph in your area in Southeast Queensland and northern NSW.



PASTOR PETE BLESSED US GREATLY

Peter Hewett was pastor at Gordon Park Baptist when John Mackay first preached there. Pete and the whole church report they were greatly blessed, and have since then greatly blessed us in return. When Pete moved back to his homeland of Canada, he and wife Barb became our Creation Research representatives there, and did a wonderful job promoting the ministry. Peter passed into Jesus' presence early February 2026. How we look forward to seeing him again! Pray for his wife Barb and the rest of the family.

CREATION DISCOVERY CENTRES – Praise and Challenges

Our Creation Discovery Centres are growing and are impacting many people. Hyunwoo Kong and his family were tourists from South Korea who had never heard of the scientific evidence that supports the Bible. Their visit to the Tasmanian Creation Discovery Centre, where Mr Kong had to translate for his family, was a great encouragement to their faith. Earlier that week two Chinese young people who had no knowledge of God were shocked to hear that the original God of China was Shang Di meaning God Most High and that Chinese written language reflects Biblical history. They willingly took Chinese language tracts as they left. Many others have come in over the summer tourist season, and some have left challenged and with further information.



In October 2025 Craig and Rachelle Hawkins and family (right) were excited to visit the Creation Research Centre and all the team in Oswestry England. The museum has so many amazing artefacts and fossils that it is a must for people to visit when they are in that part of the country. Some of the UK team are pictured below including museum curator Steve Chedgzoj, Joseph and Sarah-Ann Hubbard, John and administrator Nadina.



The Creation Discovery Centres continue to be challenged with rising rent and insurance costs so please help to sustain and grow them through your donations, prayer and by visiting them. We are also in need of volunteers to help man them. You don't need any specific knowledge on the museum presentations, just a willing heart to help.



While in the UK, Joseph, Craig and Diane Eager spoke at the Remarkable Record conference at Woodhouse Eaves Baptist Church with a great travelling museum set-up that blessed many. One lady still seeking truth attended every session and spoke of how amazing all of the evidence was. Pray that the Holy Spirit will impact all the lost who hear the gospel through these events and bring them into the promised gift of eternal life.



Joseph presenting at a field day at Charmouth, southern England

We also did a number of field trips where some great museum specimens were obtained.

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BURIED RAINBOWS REVEALED – The Beauty of Opals.

Australia has the greatest variety of precious opals in the world – white opals, black opals (pictured right), boulder opals, crystal opals and many other forms. Some of these will soon be featured in a new display at the Brisbane Creation Discovery Centre.

The colour in opals is an example of structural colour, where the colour is not from pigment within the stone, but from diffracted light. This is where light is bent as it passes through microscopic structures, such as tiny water droplets. Different wavelengths of light are bent at different angles. We see different wavelengths as different colours, so when white light, which is a mix of many wavelengths, is split up we see this as a rainbow of colours.



Specific colours can be “extracted” from white light by having it pass through microscopic structures that have just the right structure to bend one wavelength back to the viewer and scatter the others. This results in a vivid iridescent effect which can be enhanced by giving it a dark or light background by combining it with separate layers of other substances.

Opals are formed from microscopic spheres of hydrated silica. Silica is an extremely common substance in the earth, but it will only form opals when microscopic spheres of it are arranged in a very regular pattern. The size of the spheres determines which wavelength of light is reflected. Smallest spheres, around 200 nm reflect blue light, larger spheres around 250 nm reflect green light, and largest spheres, around 320 nm reflect red light.

Because the colour in opals is diffracted light, rather than pigment, gem quality opals display an effect called play of colour, where the colour varies with the angle of view, and you get a three-dimensional effect with flashes of colour that is like looking into the stone, not just at its surface.

Some of the most interesting forms of opal are not jewellery but opals formed in fossils. Opal is formed when silica rich water percolates through small cavities and channels under the right conditions of pH and other chemical influences, and possibly the action of organic matter and microbes. The Australian opal fields are famous for opalised fossils where opal is formed within buried shells, bones and petrified wood. Yes, we do have opal in the petrified wood at Jurassic Ark, but it is only low grade. The photo (*bottom right*) of high grade opal in fossil wood is of a log on display at the Brisbane Opal Museum. Note the log is compressed, like the logs at our Jurassic Ark dig site near Gympie QLD, indicating it has been waterlogged and squashed when it was buried, fossilised and infiltrated with silica.



(Two photos of the same white opal ring from different angles demonstrating the play of colour)



Living Structural Colour

Structural colour is not only seen in opals, it is seen in many living things as well, and is being studied by scientists, engineers and artists. We see this most vividly in the iridescent colours of bird feathers, shells, and butterflies, where it is often combined with pigment colour to give extra depth of colour. Even when it is less intense it does contribute to colour in plants, insects, fish and even seaweed.



(Photo: fossil log at Brisbane Opal Museum)

As scientists discover more about how the microscopic structures that produce structural colour are formed and function the term “nature’s nanotech” is often bandied about. However, the nanotechnology in structural colour is not the result of random natural processes. It is the brilliant design of the Creator God, who has made the world filled with beautiful colours. This is His creative design and a gift to human beings for our good health and delight. Mankind’s first home, the Garden of Eden, was “pleasing to the eye” as well as good for food. There is good medical and scientific evidence that a pleasing environment filled with lovely colours is good for physical and mental health.

Colour is light, and therefore when we take delight in beautiful iridescent colours we should lift our sights to Christ the Creator and Saviour, who is the light of the world, and give Him thanks and praise.

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Have you ever closely considered the implications of the Biblical claim that :

“God dwells in light that no man can approach”
(1 TIM. 6:16)

and compared that with the typical understanding that God created light on day 1 of creation? If there was no light before day 1 of creation does that mean God, who is eternal, previously dwelt in darkness? No. That does not seem to fit, since we have already accepted that he dwells in light. Daniel 2:22 also claims that light dwells with Him.

Perhaps a better understanding of the first day of creation is that space and matter were initially created (the heavens and the earth) and then within them God said “Let there be light” releasing his immeasurable power from the very beginning into the fabric of his newly created material universe. After this he declared it was “good”. Light, from the very beginning, is always associated with God’s goodness throughout Scripture.

“God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all” (1 JOHN 1:5)

Now don’t worry, we are not claiming that the eternal God is simply a beam of light. However, perhaps there is more to the link of light with

God’s goodness and the association of darkness with sin than just simple metaphors.

Without light, life cannot exist. It is a fundamental element of the universe. Now consider how Jesus Christ at the same time he is called the creator is also called the source of life and then immediately the light of men (John 1: 3-9). Here we have the link of creation, life and light yet again. What day of the week did Jesus Christ break the shackles of death in the darkness of his tomb? The same day light first came into the universe – the first day of the week! Can you imagine that instant in time when the Lord’s lifeless body lying in a pitch-black tomb came to life? I picture it as light bursting forth and filling that tomb with victory in his living presence. Maybe that is why John describes his vision of the glorified Lord as:

“his countenance was as the sun shineth”
(REVELATION 1:16)

Perhaps the most incredible thing about this is that Jesus Christ has said of his followers that

“YOU are the light of the world” (MATT 5:14)

and thus gave us the amazing privilege of serving him by sharing the good news.

