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**NEW MONTHLY MEETING LOCATION
2ND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH, 7PM.**

Beginning July 10th, our monthly meetings will be held at:

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

21st and Wadsworth

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the earth, the sea and all that is in them...”**

Exodus 20:11

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RMCF Upcoming Speakers	
July 10th	Dr. Robert Eckel
Aug 14th	Mr. Russ Miller

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All RMCF meetings are held free of charge to the public. Please see our website www.youngearth.org for detailed information on the speakers and their lecture topics.



Rocky Mountain Creation Fellowship Newsletter

*Educating the World
on the Truth of Creation*

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President's Corner Dr. Edward Boudreaux

I want to take this opportunity to tell all RMCF members and participants how greatly honored I am to serve you and the RMCF Board as your new president. I praise the Lord, for I am truly blessed with this honor. In the last newsletter you were briefly apprised of my credentials and past experience as president of Origins Resource Association for some 27 years. I am not going to reiterate any of that information at this time, but I prefer moving on toward sharing with you what is on my heart.

In spite of all that turmoil to which RMCF has been subjected, the Lord is greatly blessing us.

Hence, what Satan meant for evil the Lord has turned into good. God had opened the doors to a number of churches desiring to provide a new home for RMCF meetings. After carefully considering all the options available to us, we decided to adopt Bethlehem Lutheran Church at Wadsworth and 21st Avenue as our new meeting facility at a more central location. Not only is this a large church complex with excellent meeting facilities, but the pastor is a dedicated young earth creationist and this facility houses a large grammar school in which the RMCF ministry can have a significant impact.

I am most pleased to tell you that the new RMCF Board is in perfect harmony and unity. We have prospects of a sixth Board member and are also seeking a seventh. So please be in prayer about this and seek God to direct you as to whether or not He may be calling you to serve on the RMCF Board. We all feel very strongly that RMCF will be blessed beyond our wildest dreams and expectations. Remember the major focus of RMCF ministry is creation evangelism, in which each and every one of us plays a significant role. Qualified speakers are provided to equip us with information essential for instruction in the creation-evolution conflict. This is why we ask all of you to pray as to how the Lord would have you assist in providing RMCF with the finances necessary to accom-

plish its goals. Remember, the Lord has great things on the horizon. In closing, I want to pray the Lord's blessing upon RMCF, all of its members and participants:

May the Lord let His face shine upon us and bless each and every one of us in meeting all of our needs. May the Lord greatly expand the membership and ministry of RMCF, so that we can accomplish all that He wills for us to do.

Warmest regards and blessings in his Most Holy Name,
Dr. Edward Boudreaux. Prof. Emeritus and President RMCF

RMCF at the CHEC Conference

Thank-you to all those who visited our booth at the CHEC conference. You probably learned that we have over 50 free creation videos on our website!

This is your first issue of our newsletter. We hope that you find our newsletter helpful and meaningful in your journey with God.

Please let us know if you have any questions or need any help. We are here to help you! Please email today at rmcf@youngearth.org or call us at (303) 997-1101. We look forward to hearing from you!

RMCF Donations

Please support RMCF - We need your support. RMCF relies on the gifts and donations of its members for its operations. Without them we could not bring the quality of speakers that have visited RMCF for over eight years. If your membership has expired or will be expiring soon, please consider renewing your membership. (the address label on the front has your membership expiration date) For those who are not members and wish to join RMCF please call us at (303) 997-1101, complete the membership form on the back cover, or go to our website at www.youngearth.org.

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Ida: the Missing Link at Last?

Does Ida Deserve the Attention? A Preliminary Comment

May 19, 2009 – For all the headlines and proclamations, this “missing link” story includes an amazing amount of hot air.

A story we first previewed on May 16 has since rocketed to the heights of media hype as a team of scientists reveals “Ida,” the latest and greatest supposed missing link. But does Ida actually support “the evolution of early primates, and, ultimately, modern human beings,” as one news outlet reported?¹

Another reporter raved, “The search for a direct connection between humans and the rest of the animal kingdom has taken 200 years—but it was presented to the world today at a special news conference in New York.”²

Formally identified as *Darwinius masillae* (in honor of Charles Darwin), the fossil originated in Germany and is purportedly 47 million years old. One scientist gave the find the nickname Ida (after his daughter).

As for a more level-headed explanation of the evolutionary excitement, the Wall Street Journal reports:

Anthropologists have long believed that humans evolved from ancient ape-like ancestors. Some 50 million years ago, two ape-like groups walked the Earth. One is known as the tarsidae, a precursor of the tarsier, a tiny, large-eyed creature that lives in Asia. Another group is known as the adapidae, a precursor of today's lemurs in Madagascar.

Based on previously limited fossil evidence, one big debate had been whether the tarsidae or adapidae group gave rise to monkeys, apes, and humans. The latest discovery bolsters the less common position that our ancient ape-like ancestor was an adapid, the believed precursor of lemurs.

Thus, rather than an apeman-like missing link that some media sources have irresponsibly implied, the real story is quite underwhelming and should in no way faze creationists. Let's first review the facts:

* The well-preserved fossil (95 percent complete, including fossilized fur and more) is about the size of a raccoon and includes a long tail. It resembles the skeleton of a lemur (a small, tailed, tree-climbing primate). The fossil does not resemble a human skeleton.

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August 14th Speaker
Mr. Russ Miller

Mark 10:21 “Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me”.

Russ Miller is a degreed businessman who spent 18 years developing a successful nationwide firm. A church Trustee and theistic evolutionist at the time, due to our secular education system which only presents one choice of our origins, he was introduced to the scientific facts. Russ states, ***“I’m a General Manager. I make logical decisions based on facts. When I saw that not one branch of modern science has a shred of real evidence for Darwinism, yet it’s taught as fact in schools, I thought, this is ridiculous.”***

Russ says, ***“There are 3 types of people: those that make it happen; those that watch it happen; and those that don’t know what happened.”*** In order to serve his Creator, Russ made something happen. He ***gave away*** his business and began Creation, Evolution & Science Ministries, developing ***dynamic PowerPoint presentations***, DVDs, DVD Study Guides, audio CDs, and radio programs which build faith in the truth of all Scripture.

These popular level messages are enjoyed by people aged 9 to 99. ***He adds***, "You don't have to believe anything I tell you. All I ask is that you look at facts and weigh them against anything that has you compromising God’s Word." For anyone who does so, it is a "no brainer."

For more information, please visit
www.creationministries.org

RMCF Volunteer Opportunities

RMCF relies heavily on the volunteer efforts of its membership in order to function. Could you please consider giving your time in one of the following areas? The Lord provides us all gifts and talents, do you have a gift in one of the following areas?

Snack Team: Help serve snacks after our monthly meetings. We need at least two people per group, and two or three groups. A different group serves each month. RMCF pays for snacks.

Setup and Take down: Help setup and take down AV equipment and book / DVD tables at our monthly meetings.

Please contact RMCF at rmcf@youngearth.org, by calling (303) 997-1101, or speak to a board member if you are interested in helping.

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* The fossil was found in two parts by amateur fossil hunters in 1983. It eventually made its way through fossil dealers to the research team.

* Ida has opposable thumbs, which the ABC News article states are “similar to humans’ and unlike those found on other modern mammals” (i. e., implying that opposable thumbs are evidence of evolution). Yet lemurs today have opposable thumbs (like all primates). Likewise, Ida has nails, as do other primates. And the talus bone is described as “the same shape as in humans,” despite the fact that there are other differences in the ankle structure.³

* Unlike today’s lemurs (as far as scientists know), Ida lacks the “grooming claw” and a “toothcomb” (a fused row of teeth) In fact, its teeth are more similar to a monkey’s. These are minor differences easily explained by variation within a kind.

Given these facts, it may seem incredible that anyone would hail this find as a “missing link.” Yet British naturalist David Attenborough claims:

“Now people can say, ‘Okay, you say we’re primates . . . show us the link.’ The link, they would have said until now, is missing. Well, it is no longer missing.”

Unbelievably, Attenborough claims his interpretation is “not a question of imagination.”

The Creationist Interpretation

The principles that inform creationists about *Ida* are some of the same that allow creationists to interpret fossil after fossil hailed as “transitional forms”:

1. Nothing about this fossil suggests it is anything other than an extinct, lemur-like creature. Its appearance is far from chimpanzee, let alone “apeman” or human.

2. A fossil can never show evolution. Fossils are unchanging records of dead organisms. Evolution is an alleged process of change in live organisms. Fossils show “evolution” only if one presupposes evolution, then uses that presupposed belief to interpret the fossil.

3. Similarities can never show evolution. If two organisms have similar structures, the only thing it proves is that the two have similar structures. One must presuppose evolution to say that the similarities are due to evolution rather than design. Furthermore, when it comes to “transitional forms,” the slightest similarities often receive great attention while major differences are ignored.

4. The remarkable preservation is a hallmark of rapid burial. Team member Jørn Hurum of the University of Oslo said, “This fossil is so complete. Everything’s there. It’s unheard of in the primate record at all. You have to get to human burial to see something that’s this complete.” Even the contents of *Ida*’s stomach were preserved. While the researchers believe *Ida* sunk to the bottom of a lake and was buried, this preservation is more consistent with a catastrophic flood.⁴ Yet *Ida* was found with “hundreds of well-preserved specimens.”⁵

5. If evolution were true, there would be real transitional forms. Instead, the best “missing links” evolutionists can come up with are strikingly similar to organisms we see today, usually with the exception of minor, controversial, and inferred anatomical differences.

6. Evolutionists only open up about the lack of fossil missing links once a new one is found. Sky News reports, “Researchers say proof of this transitional

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Creation vs. Evolution Factoid

Often our members ask, “What are the leading facts that refute the claims of evolution?” We are establishing this new column, Creation vs. Evolution FACTOID to give succinct nuggets for each topic, which collectively will answer the question.

FACTOID Number One., By Kevin Anderson, Ph.D.

Massive Fossil Graveyard indicates Extensive Flood.

Billions of large nautiloids (an ancient marine cephalopod, related to modern squids, [with a conical shell]) are packed in a Redwall limestone layer that extends through the entire Grand Canyon region. The fossil bed is some seven feet thick and covers approximately 17,000 square miles. The fossilized remains are laid in a preferred direction, which indicates that not only were they buried rapidly, but [also] that they were transported from the same direction in a single catastrophic event. In addition, as many as 25% of the fossils are buried in an upright position, further evidence of their rapid burial. The existence of such large numbers of fossils in a single, thin layer is strong evidence that they were transported and buried by a single large flood. What is more, similar nautiloid fossil beds have been found in other regions of the world. All these beds indicate burial by a large body of rapidly moving water, i.e. a huge flood. Such a flood is described in the book of Genesis. (See Austin, 2003, *Proceedings of the Fifth International Conference on Creationism*, pp. 55-99)

Note: According to Dr. Steve Austin, this discovery, perhaps the largest single fossil deposit on earth, destroys the last bastion of uniformitarianism in the Grand Canyon. All other formations besides the Redwall Limestone have already been conceded by geologists to be flood deposits, rather than a result of “slow, gradual deposition in a shallow sea,” which until recently was the accepted dogma. [Article used by permission from *Creation Research Society*.]

<p style="text-align: center;">July 10th Speaker Dr. Robert Eckel</p>

On Friday, July 10th, RMCF welcomes Dr. Robert Eckel to RMCF. Dr. Eckel will be providing us with an update on stem cell research. Dr. Eckel is a Professor of Medicine and of Physiology and Biophysics at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center (UCHSC), in Denver.

There is no cost to attend our monthly meetings and free refreshments will be served after the meeting.

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species finally confirms Charles Darwin’s theory of evolution,” while Attenborough commented that the missing link “is no longer missing.” So are they admitting the evidence was missing until now (supposedly)?

So it’s clear what *Ida* is not. As for our conclusion on what *Ida* is, we wrote in *News to Note*:

[B]ecause the fossil is similar to a modern lemur (a small, tailed, tree-climbing primate), it’s unlikely that creationists need any interpretation of the “missing link” other than that it was a small, tailed, probably tree-climbing, and now extinct primate—from a kind created on Day 6 of Creation Week.

Much of the excitement over *Ida* appears to stem from a well-coordinated public relations effort to promote an upcoming documentary and a new book titled *The Link*. The documentary will air on the History Channel in the U.S. (as *The Link*) on May 25 at 9 p.m. ET/PT. It will air on BBC One in the UK (as *Uncovering Our Earliest Ancestor: The Link*) on Tuesday May 26th at 9 p.m. Filmmaker Atlantic Productions even launched a website to promote the discovery, revealingthelink.com.

Yet as Hurum commented, “This fossil will probably be pictured in all the textbooks for the next 100 years.” So while the media rush may at first be a bid to promote the documentary and book, the ultimate result is one more trumped-up “missing link” presented to future generations as evidence of evolution.

Footnotes

1. Ned Potter, “Primate Fossil Could Be Key Link in Evolution,” ABC News, May 19, 2009.
2. Alex Watts, Scientists Unveil Missing Link in Evolution, Sky News Online, May 19, 2009.
3. J. L. Franzen, et al., “Complete Primate Skeleton from the Middle Eocene of Messel in Germany: Morphology and Paleobiology,” *PLoS One* 4(5), 2009.
4. Because of the location of this fossil, it may have been buried by a post-Flood period of residual catastrophism amid an unstable climate.
5. “Fossils from the Messel site,” *The Guardian*, n.d.

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<http://www.answersingenesis.org/articles/2009/05/19/ida-missing-link>

May Meeting Highlights

For our May 11th meeting, we were privileged to get a pre-release viewing of the new Creation Ministries International documentary "The Voyage that Shook the World".

As a boy, Charles Darwin had a unique imagination and the ability to fabricate stories to entertain his family. He spent much time hunting and collecting wildlife, and reflecting on nature. Though nature was his true love, he entered Cambridge to train for the clergy, with the goal of becoming a country vicar. While in Cambridge, he began to question the Bible, and in 1831 at age 22 abandoned his education career to take a position on the around-the-world voyage of the research vessel, the *Beagle*.

On the 5-year *Beagle* voyage, Darwin made discoveries that greatly changed his thinking. Early in the voyage, he studied and adopted Lyell's *Principles of Geology*, and in particular Lyell's uniformitarian/gradualism model of earth's history based on the principles of immense periods of time and "the present is key to the past" (In Lyell's book, catastrophism was ruled out; his goal was to "free science from Moses," by rejecting Biblical history). Darwin's reliance on Lyell's principles of gradualism was especially apparent in his story telling of the origin of the Rio Santa Cruz, a huge channel cut through a basalt formation. Darwin imagined it had been cut by an ancient sea channel from coast to coast. Had he explored further up stream, he would have found the true origin of

the river to be glacier melt water. Geologists today now see the channel as having been dug in just a few days by a catastrophic release of this glacial melt-water.

When visiting Isla Del Fuego, Darwin began to develop his racist philosophies by observing members of the local tribes who had been taken to UK and trained in the culture of civilities there. They had reverted to their savage life style after returning to the island. By the time he authored the book "Descent of Man" in 1871, he had joined in the European belief that the non-white races lacked the capability of being civilized, because they apparently were mentally and morally limited, being "stuck" in an early evolutionary stage of human development. These ideas influenced Darwin to challenge the Biblical truth that all humans were descended from Adam and Eve. Modern Geneticists have refuted Darwin's racist idea, since we now know that all humans are extremely closely related.

When Darwin arrived in the Galapagos Islands, he was met with more strong evidence of rapid change vs. Lyellian uniformitarianism. Lyell maintained the European theory of fixity of species, handed down from the Greek philosophers (the "fixity" theory overrides the Biblical flood history, which implies rapid adaptation and diversification from a single breeding pair of animal kinds, in just a few thousand years.). So Darwin had not yet begun to entertain the idea of speciation, or change by natural selection, **(Continued on Page 12)**

June Meeting Highlights

Dr Rob Carter was our guest for the June 12th meeting. His talk was titled “Genetics according to Jesus”. The major theme of his talk was to show how modern genetics matches the history of Genesis. Modern Genetics gives us three tools: 1) gene sequencing (decoding the genes), 2) gene manipulation, and 3) the ability to “test” history using genetics.

Dr. Carter noted that after spending 10 years and 3 billion dollars, we have decoded 80% of the genome. You can soon, perhaps within two years, even be able to get your own personal genome mapped out for \$1,000. The genome is an encyclopedia of information, broken up into 46 volumes (chromosomes), and has 20,000 chapters (genes). It is a treasure tome of information, which has moved the geneticist from the lab to the computer; geneticists are now data analysts!

Dr. Carter intentionally used only a small part of his talk to discuss gene manipulation. His discussion of the third tool, *history*, was the highlight of his talk. Modern Genetics can look at the following historical events in Genesis: 1) Creation, 2) The Flood, and 3) Babel.

Dr. Carter noted that Genesis 2-7, 21-22 are genetic statements – there were two people in the beginning, and God used Adam’s rib to create Eve. Does this mean that we should expect man to have one less rib than women? No! This would suggest inherited traits (called “Lamarckism”), an idea that has long since been disproved. If a person loses a finger, it does not mean his/her offspring will be born without a finger.

Was Eve a clone of Adam? Dr Carter does not believe so. If she were a clone, each chromosome would only have two alleles (gene versions). However some genes have at least 3 alleles, such as the ABO blood group gene (O is a broken copy of A, but there is also evidence of an original O-type).

Noah had 3 sons from which the whole earth became populated (see Genesis 9:8 – 9:19). This called a “founder effect” and can also be tested. Evidence shows that we only inherit our mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) from our mother. Across the world we find three main mtDNA lineages, which is exactly what we would expect to find if the population originated from the three wives of Noah’s sons!

Dr Carter then noted that Genesis 10:32 makes another profound genetic statement, that the world was divided according to paternal ancestry, or the male side. We would therefore expect to find very little variation in the male Y

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Although rapid diversification was so apparent there. For this reason, Darwin's famous finches, although only slightly different, were all classified as different species. We now know they interbreed and hybridize, and that a cyclic change of beak characteristics occurs in a year's time based on variations in food supplies. Darwin was not able to observe this cycle, or he would have realized that beak size was merely a built-in variation like he observed by breeding his pigeons in Britain.

At the time he visited Galapagos, Darwin already had Edward Blythe's paper which advanced the idea of Natural Selection, originally a creationist concept. Darwin also recognized that the very small morphological differences between Galapagos and continental varieties of mockingbirds might reflect gradual change taking place, versus fixity of species. He came to reject fixity of species, and advanced the theory that small gradual changes could produce a new species. This became the basis for his theory of evolution.

After the voyage, Charles Darwin married his wealthy cousin, which allowed him to continue his studies and develop his model of change over millions of years. His ideas were colored by the question about whether a good God would allow evil in the world (Darwin had lost three of his children to fatal diseases, and this greatly influenced his concept of God). His observations of suffering, disease, and death gave rise to the idea of survival of the fittest in an endless struggle, within which God could not have been involved.

The book raised an enormous controversy. Darwin spent the rest of his life defending his theory. His anxiety over how he would advance this attack on the prevailing cultural religious norms was thought to have produced his physical illness, even to the point of breakdown. Even Lyell was disturbed by his ideas.

In Darwin's day, the cell was viewed as a relatively simple "black box". They had no idea of its enormous complexity, and its resistance to change. Genetic engineering has shown that change is very limited: we can induce bacteria to make insulin, but not change into anything other than bacteria.

Famous evolutionist Richard Dawkins once said: "Darwin made it possible to be an intellectually fulfilled atheist." Darwinism's philosophical appeal is based on a simple, crude story which created the illusion that simple mechanisms could explain everything there is. It became a "story of origins" that changed the world. In the end, "Darwin's theory is not about science, it's about God".

June Meeting Continued

chromosome across the world as people dispersed from the tower of Babel. This again is precisely what we find. We would also expect any variation to be limited to specific geographic regions, and again this is what is observed.

Dr Carter also spent time discussing the “Out of Africa” theory pushed by evolutionists, that the world’s population can be traced back to three to ten thousand people somewhere in Africa. This is based on the fact that there is more genetic diversity in Africa than anywhere else. As you get farther from Africa, the diversity tends to decrease. However, there is just as much diversity in the Middle East, so it easily could have been the starting point. So why do evolutionists choose Africa? Dr. Carter suggests that this may be due to latent evolutionary racism!

Dr. Carter also discussed how direct studies of mutation rates show that roughly 100 to 300 mutations occur per person per generation. Evolutionary estimates tend to be lower, since they recognize that such a rate could not be tolerated by a species, especially over several million years. By comparing chimp to human DNA, evolutionists arrive at a lower estimate. However, this begins with the false assumption that chimps and humans are related (ironically, even their lower rates are too high for a species to tolerate).

Dr. Carter also discussed “The myth of 1% DNA similarity”. He noted that 6.4% of the genes between chimps and humans are not shared, and that humans have 700 more genes and vice versa. Also, the chimp genome itself is 13% larger. In addition, there are 35 million base pair changes and tens of thousands of rearrangements. There simply is not enough time for this much change to occur if chimps and humans share a common ancestor. So, evolutionists appeal to “Junk DNA” in an attempt to address this problem. However, this attempt has failed, since every day there seems to be some new study in a major scientific journal covering the discovery of a new function for a part of the DNA that was once thought to be “junk”.

Dr Carter summarized his talk by noting that while modern Genetics doesn’t prove the Bible, it provides consistent corroboration of events such as creation, the flood, and the Tower of Babel. Modern genetics clearly validates the big picture of the history as told in Genesis.

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