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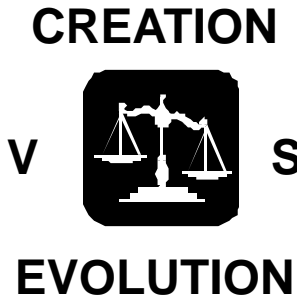
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**“For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them...”
Exodus 20:11**

FACTOID # 2

Antibiotic Resistance



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

Antibiotic Resistance- Mutations which Oppose Evolution.

Kevin Anderson, Ph.D.

Mutations can give bacteria a resistance to certain types of antibiotics. As such, evolutionists have frequently point to this phenomenon as a means of “seeing evolution a Petri dish.” However, analysis of mutations which produce this resistance suggests a much different conclusion. Instead, these mutations reduce or eliminate the binding affinity, regulatory function, or transport capacity of certain proteins. While these mutations provide the bacterium a resistance to certain antibiotics, they do so at the expense of these cellular functions. Such mutations clearly provide variation within the bacterial population and, as such, fit nicely within a creation model. However, evolution claims to be an explanation for the *origin* of biological functions and diversity. Mutations that reduce or eliminate cellular functions cannot be offered as examples of how these functions “evolved” in the first place. In fact, such mutations are the exact opposite of those required by evolution. For further information, see Anderson, 2005, *CRS Quarterly* 41:318.

Editors note: When cruising the Galapagos Islands to observe evidence for creation and rapid adaptation, we met a bacterial resistance researcher from Israel who was amazed that the scientists in our group did not regard antibiotic resistance as an argument for evolution. During the course of the cruise, we discussed the many scientific evidences against Darwinism, not the least of which is the fact that Darwin’s finches interbreed, and are not new species at all. A very fruitful exchange was had by all. (Article used by permission from the *Creation Research Society*.)

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RMCF Upcoming Speakers	
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Oct 9	Mr. Paul Myrant

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August Meeting Continued

All-in-all, 93% of the declaration signers, and 95% of the Constitution's authors, were Christians. Mr. Miller gave many more examples of our Christian Heritage, citing quotes over the last 200 years from our Presidents and other dignitaries, and the depiction of Christian symbols and Bible quotes adorning many of our government structures.

Mr. Miller continued by saying that no where in our Constitution does it state there is a separation of church & state. The founding Fathers intended to keep the federal government out of the church, while keeping Christian ideals in the government.

In the concluding part of his presentation, Mr. Miller stressed that our country desperately needs another Christian revival. Since 1963 there has been a steady decline in moral values, a family breakdown - 50 million abortions, 300% teen suicide, the mid 60s ushered in a drug culture, the 1970s brought in abortion, homosexual rights and women's liberation, and in 1980 the US became biggest exporter of pornography.

The good news is that 70% of adults still want to believe in Biblical creation! The big stumbling block remains our churches, so like the prior two revivals, we need a grass-roots revival. If we don't, we WILL lose our God-given rights. **Psalm 33:12 – Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.**

September 11th Speaker Continued

Kevin Anderson obtained his Ph.D. from Kansas State University in microbiology. He was then a National Institutes of Health postdoctoral fellow at the University of Illinois, and later a professor of microbiology at Mississippi State University. As a professor, he taught graduate level molecular genetics classes and served as the major professor for several doctoral and masters students. He later served as a research microbiologist for the United States Department of Agriculture, and was later a senior scientist involved in biofuels research.

He is currently the Director of the Van Andel Creation Research Center (Chino Valley, AZ). Dr. Anderson has published numerous papers in technical microbiology journals and has given presentations at several national and international scientific meetings. He is also currently the Editor-in-chief of the Creation Research Society Quarterly. (www.creationresearch.org)

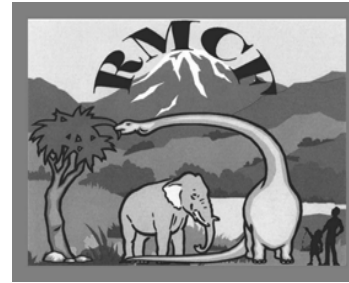
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President's Corner Dr. Edward Boudreaux

I would like to take this opportunity to bring all of our members and supporters up to date on current thinking among evolutionists. Most have presumed that evolution of living things is based primarily upon natural selection and survival of the fittest. While these presumptions are indeed still very much a part of the evolution mechanism, the belief has progressed even further in maintaining that evolutionary processes in themselves have a built-in capacity for producing what is interpreted to be *intelligent design*. All counter arguments to ID concepts couched in terms of evolution itself have incorporated these so called ID features, which only give the appearance of intelligent design as viewed externally by the “uninformed observer”. Of course it makes no difference to evolutionists whether or not their bogus concepts of ID can be proved or not, because they are content to believe what they have contrived whether valid or not. In fact, observed changes at any and all levels are now regarded to be products of evolution.

Not only do current evolution concepts embrace a progression from the less complex to the more complex, regardless of the many scientific and mathematical arguments against this, but these concepts also ascribe varying degrees of “intelligence” as an integral part of evolution per se. One case in point is the fact that bacteria develop resistance to antibiotics. It is believed that this could not occur unless the bacteria already had intelligence features derived from evolution.

As if it were not enough that living entities at any level are regarded to possess an *acquired intelligence*, it is also held that even non living bio-molecules (proteins, RNA, DNA) have degrees of acquired ID allowing them to exhibit their biochemical specificities.

Brothers and sisters, we as Christians know that all natural design, intelligence and life come from God, the omniscient and omnipotent creator of everything which exists, other than Himself. When we get right down to the heart of the matter, current evolutionary trends expel any and all aspects of supernatural influence manifesting creation and design, contrary to Romans 1:20. Most hard-core evolutionists will not even listen to reasonable scientific alternatives to what they believe, much less Biblical arguments. Truly, without a doubt, the creation vs. evolution controversy is a spiritual battle every bit as much as a scientific one. This is not to say that scientific arguments restraining evolution should be relaxed in any way; on the contrary, such efforts should be intensified along with all the essential support of prayer and application of all spiritual gifts granted by the Holy Spirit. We as Christians have a role very similar to that of Paul confronting the gentiles with his case for Jesus Christ and Christianity. Our message of creation must be shared as we are fully equipped both spiritually and scientifically. Ours is a mission in which each one of us plays a crucial role not to be taken lightly. What we are called to be is not a “take it or leave it” kind of thing, because we are ignoring God’s clarion call upon our lives to respond according to the gifts He has granted to each and every one of us, if we decline to be active creationists.

It is my prayer and my hope, that each one of us will be docile to the Holy Spirit in order that we all may be fully equipped to fight the good fight as efficiently as we can.

Blessings in His Holy Name,
Dr. Ed Boudreaux, President, RMCF

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August Meeting Highlights

Russ Miller’s talk was titled “If the Foundations be Destroyed”. He began by noting that we are in the biggest war in our history, a battle between the secular world view of millions of years of Darwinism, and a Biblical worldview of a corrupted creation and the gospel of Jesus. It’s a battle where Christians are by-and-large asleep at the wheel. Studies show that we are losing 4 out of 5 Christians to the secular worldview, and it can be directly attributed to the indoctrination of millions of years and Darwinism. He noted that atheists understand the battle better than most Christians, citing the following from atheist Frank Zindler:

‘The most devastating thing though that biology did to Christianity was the discovery of biological evolution. Now that we know that Adam and Eve never were real people the central myth of Christianity is destroyed. If there never was an Adam and Eve there never was an original sin. If there never was an original sin there is no need of salvation. If there is no need of salvation there is no need of a saviour. And I submit that puts Jesus, historical or otherwise, into the ranks of the unemployed. I think that evolution is absolutely the death knell of Christianity.’

Mr. Miller then quoted Karl Marx who said “The first battlefield is the re-writing of history.” Kids coming out of high school are now ashamed to be Americans because of the revisionist history that is being indoctrinated upon them. They are taught that the founding fathers were slave owners, but not taught that they overwhelmingly held a Biblical worldview. America was founded on Christian ideals, and Creation is essential to American’s freedoms. To destroy America, destroy people’s faith in a creator, and you have no creator-given rights. As the Bible says in Hosea 4:6, “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge”.

Mr. Miller recalled two prior Christian revivals in our country. Jonathan Edwards began the first Christian revival from 1734-1770. A second great awakening occurred from 1800-1820. Similar to today, it was difficult to teach the Bible in churches, so the gospel was preached in the streets and the rural areas. Crowds grew by the thousands. Edward’s revival eventually led to the colonies uniting as “One Nation under God”. The Liberty Bell was inscribed with Leviticus 25:10. The first surgeon general said that “Christianity is the only true & perfect religion”. Patrick Henry said, “This nation was not found by religionists, but by Christians; not on religion, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ”.

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July Meeting Highlights

Our speaker for the July Meeting was Dr. Robert Eckel, Professor of Medicine at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. He gave us an update on the stem cell controversy. Some of the questions he raised included: Is an embryo a person? Is it morally acceptable to use embryos for research? How far will research go? Will man circumvent God? Will “Evolution” then be under man’s control and accelerated? The answers to most of these questions centers on one fact, we are fully human at fertilization.

Dr. Eckel noted that embryonic stem cells are easy to obtain, and can become all cell types of the body because they are *pluripotent*. However, they are also more readily rejected by the body, and can lead to tumors and cancer. There are currently no known success stories with embryonic stem cells.

Adult stem cells have been believed to be limited to differentiating into different cell types of their tissue of origin, but this view appears to be changing.

Recent developments are showing that adult stems cells have *pluripotent* potential, which is very exciting news! This should negate the arguments for embryonic stem cells. Besides, adult stem cells are already showing great promise with a wide variety of ailments, such as Parkinson’s, diabetes, Multiple Sclerosis, Lou Gehrig’s disease, and others.

Dr. Eckel offered the following verses for a Biblical perspective:

We are created in the image of God –
Gen. 1:26-27, Psalm 100:3

The Sanctity of Human Life –
Job 10:9, Isaiah 44:2

God is active in conception –
Gen. 29:31-32, Ruth 4:13

He shaped us in the womb –
Psalm 139:13-16

God knows the unborn –
Luke 1:41-44

September 11th Speaker – Dr. Kevin Anderson

RMCF is privileged to have as its September Speaker **Dr. Kevin Anderson**, Director of the Van Andel Creation Research Center in Chino Valley, Arizona.

Dr. Anderson will be giving two talks on Sept. 11.

A Creationist Perspective of the Human Genome:

The initial publication of the human genome sequence brought a flurry of research activity and a barrage of evolutionist claims. Among these claims were that the genome provided evidence for common descent, a shared evolutionary history of humans and primates, and ancient evolutionary artifacts buried in the genome. However, subsequent investigation has resulted in a dramatic change in our understanding of the human genome.

Rather than being a product of protracted and random evolutionary changes, the human genome offers glimpses into an elaborate and extraordinary genetic system. Evidence for evolutionary artifacts and common descent has been replaced with evidence for an ingenious design and engineering marvel. Evidence also strongly supports that the human genome cannot be millions of years old. Thus, the human genome actually provides strong evidence that it was created recently.

An Overview of Creation Science:

As a practicing scientist actively involved in the creation science movement, Dr. Anderson will provide insight into the history, current state, and future direction of creation research. Historically, creation science focused on challenging evolutionary ideas and claims, and small, independent research projects. More recently, funding has allowed a few larger, collaborative projects, which have resulted in significant insight into God’s creation. These projects have demonstrated the quality of research that can be achieved by creationists when sufficient funding is available. Also, during the last decade there has been an increase in major creation ministries and their public outreach. This has been both a blessing and a challenge to the movement. Creation science now finds itself at a cross roads, and Dr. Anderson will discuss some of his views for the direction and future of creation science.

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October 9th Speaker
Mr. Paul Myrant

RMCF is pleased to announce that its October speaker will be Mr. Paul Myrant of The Acts Seventeen Accord.

Paul's presentation is entitled "**The Creator and the Bible**", which is A brief history of evolution in the framework of 2 Peter 3, and Genesis 1.

Paul Myrant is a graduate of Talbot Seminary where he received his M. A. in Biblical Studies. Paul is a musician and songwriter and has served as a senior pastor, teacher and coach. Paul and his wife, Jan, have been married for 32 years and have four children and three grandchildren. They live near Denver.

Paul has a passion for evangelism and restoring a Christian worldview to the church for such a time as this.

Visit www.acts17accord.com for more information on Paul's ministry work.

Please join us for Paul's presentation. There will be fellowship and refreshments after the presentation.

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tion and reforestation. Unsurprisingly, birds from areas that had undergone deforestation grew longer and sharper wing tips, while the wing tips of birds in reforested areas became shorter and rounder.

The report notes that "as bird species face new challenges, they respond to the extent they can." This comports with the creationist view: God included a range of genetic information and adaptability in organisms to allow them to live properly in a range of habitats.

The scientists aren't certain how significant a role genes play in the wing tip changes. Still, Cornell University ornithologist David Winkler noted, "It's surprising that there's so much change so fast," and Desrochers calls "rapid evolution" the most direct explanation. The speed of the changes indicates how the created kinds could have speciated rapidly after the Flood. Centuries of accumulated changes between some populations from the same created kinds resulted in sexual incompatibility. However, in other kinds (such as canids; see previous page), populations retain the ability even if interbreeding is uncommon.

ScienceDaily: "Speciation through Genome Duplication More Common in Plant Evolution than Previously Thought"

A new study shows that polyploidy—having an extra set of certain chromosomes—plays a more important role in plant speciation than scientists had thought. Rather than three or four percent, the study indicates that fifteen percent of flowering plants and almost a third of fern species "are directly derived from polyploidy," explained University of Muenster evolutionary biologist Troy Wood. Polyploidy can lead to reproductive isolation, new morphology, and characteristic traits, so is considered at least a potential mechanism for speciation, as another news article explained.

While polyploidy in vertebrates is usually fatal, for plants polyploidy seems to have a generally neutral effect. Nonetheless, the study is a reminder that genetic mistakes only rarely have beneficial effects, instead usually having no effect or negative effects. And when they do result in beneficial differences, it is only because the genetic mistake "breaks" some mechanism, giving the organism a contextual advantage. Speciation due to genetic mistakes—for better or worse—may explain some small portion of the diversity on the planet. But those genetic mistakes cannot account for the origin of all of earth's species, as evolutionists suggest.

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Science “News”

The news this week presented three interesting stories that reinforce the creationist understanding of created kinds, speciation, and “evolution.”

Toronto Star: “Meet the Coywolf”

Perhaps you’ve heard of zonkeys, zorses (a.k.a. zebrulas), ligers, wholphins, and other hybrid animals—but what about the coywolf? As can be guessed from its name, the coywolf is a hybrid between a coyote and a wolf, and they’re becoming more common in Ontario.

According to Trent University geneticist Bradley White, who has studied the hybrids for 12 years, the coywolf has a dangerous combination of “the wolf characteristics of pack hunting and aggression and the coyote characteristics of lack of fear of human-developed areas.” White believes the coywolf’s origin traces back to the 1920s.

As creationists would expect, geneticist Paul Wilson notes that some coywolves are more coyote-like, whereas others are distinctly more wolf-like. In other words, there is a continuum between wolf and coyote. Creationists can understand this continuum as a microcosm of the original canine created kind, which likely included wolves, coyotes, dingoes, some foxes, and ordinary dogs. Each has since become further separated as genetic information is lost within populations; nonetheless, hybrids remind us of their common origin. Yet many of their common characteristics are unique, reminding us that they did not evolve from a non-canid organism.

Still, White utters an oft-heard phrase in response to the hybridization: “evolution in action.”

Science News: “Rapid Evolution May Be Reshaping Forest Birds’ Wings”

A study of multiple bird species in Canada and the United States revealed subtle differences in bird wings that depend on the forestation of birds’ habitat. Researchers already knew that more forested areas were home to more birds with rounder wing tips, improving maneuverability around branches. Less forested areas, on the other hand, house birds with more pointed wing tips, which allows more efficient, sustained flight.

Given this, André Desrochers of Laval University examined changes in bird wing tips across the past century by measuring historical specimens. He then cross-referenced the changes with known patterns of human-caused deforesta-

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Why is Evolution Considered a Fact?

By Bill Browning, M.S.

Proponents of the evolutionary worldview expect everyone to accept evolution theory as “fact.” When we deal with the issue of origins, we must realize that no scientific observers were there to record the events, (except Jesus, who gives us the eyewitness account of special creation *ex nihilo* in our infallible history book, the book of Genesis). When scientists theorize about the origins of the universe, the earth, or life on earth, we must realize that the discussion is based on assumptions, which are fallible at best and false at worst. But our modern textbooks are written as if they were true. The fundamental assumption upon which Darwinism is based is that similar body shapes and forms within different species indicate the existence of a common ancestor (“homology”). And in the media and scientific literature, the occurrence of evolution is taken as a fact. Why, when there are no known observations of “molecules-to-man” evolution?

The answer is in the confusion of terms. “Microevolution”, the limited change that organisms experience within kinds has occurred, and there are documented cases of new species arising in isolated populations. Evolutionists and creationists both acknowledge these observations. A dramatic example is the incredible adaptation of the polar bear, which survives the arctic winter and swims readily in the semi-frozen arctic waters, having web feet and hollow fur, which serves as a super-insulation. We know that these specialized creatures interbreed with grizzly bears, and this hybridization has occurred in the wild. (See <http://fishfeet2007.blogspot.com/2007/03/horribilis-hybrid.html>) This dramatic example of “microevolution” is not the result of new genetic information being created to form a new kind of animal.

One cannot extrapolate the existence of many varieties of dogs to explain the origin of dogs. They are all still dogs, and interbreed--therefore they are the same species, like Darwin’s pigeons. Polar bears and grizzlies must have descended from a single bear kind on the ark, which contained the genetic information for the polar bear’s adaptation, which was later expressed in the bear population that subsequently migrated to colder climates. Another amazing example is the *scalesia* tree found on the Galapagos Islands. In the tropical forest zones of these volcanic islands, the entire canopy consists of sunflower trees, with woody trunks and branches. Genetic studies have shown that continental varieties of sunflowers, almost always having herbaceous stems, actually contain the genetic information for woodiness, but it has only been expressed in the Galapagos in an endemic species, known as *scalesia*.

Isn’t it ironic that these examples of variation within kind are extrapolated and used as evidence for “macroevolution” (molecules-to-man over millions of years)? In truth, it demonstrates the “fact” of rapid diversification (thousands of years) of animals after the Flood of Noah into the myriad of organisms we observe today. The problem is that just because natural selection and speciation have occurred, the claim that all life has evolved from a common ancestor cannot be proven. Creationists should avoid any confusion that the evidence supports evolution, by not using the term “microevolution,” but rather “genetic variation.”