

Plain Path

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“Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path... Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart” (Psalm 27:11-14)

SCIENCE DECLARES ...

by Bob Pulliam

“The fool has said in his heart, ‘There is no God.’ They are corrupt, they have committed abominable deeds; There is no one who does good. The Lord has looked down from heaven upon the sons of men, To see if there are any who understand, Who seek after God. They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; There is no one who does good, not even one.”

(Psalm 14:1-3)

THE COMMON “WISDOM” OF OUR DAY says we must believe *science* on the subject of origins (*i.e.* evolution). If you choose to believe the Bible account of creation, you must do so with a blind faith that is unreasonable. Modern science has turned human beings into animals in their own minds, and the increasing barbaric behavior of our young betrays its effects.

Scripture tells us that, “The fool has said in his heart, ‘There

is no God.’ ” (Ps 14:1) David is not using the word “fool” of someone with no intellect. David is talking about someone who has abandoned a sensible course to rebel against God. His next sentence makes that clear. But I want to take a moment of your time to talk about how sensible the general theory of evolution *is not*. In so doing, we will see that the Bible account of creation is the sensible conclusion we should reach.

Laws of Science...

There are established laws of science that have been observed to be constant. I learned about these in early science classes in the public school system. You may have too. Most importantly, however, they place the theory of evolution in the uncomfortable position of only being true if these laws were violated repeatedly in the past. Here are four laws which evolution could not follow if true:

Law # 1 - Law of Cause and Effect: This law states that every effect has a cause, and the cause must be adequate to produce the effect. A car will not roll up a six percent grade from a standing stop. Something must act upon the car, and it will have to be a significant cause. You can say little green men brought life to earth; but what caused the lit-

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tle green men and the life they brought? You can say it was all caused by the "big bang"; but what caused the big bang and all that must have happened to fudge the remaining three laws so evolution could occur? God, on the other hand, is beyond our sphere of investigation, and is Himself uncaused (eternal).

Law #2 - Mendel's Law: This law states that living organisms only beget after their kind. Horses bear horses; cows bear cows; and elephants bear elephants. There is no exception. Science has not found a single case of one kind of animal evolving into another kind of

animal (or insect, or plant, etc...). Claims of transitional forms in horses and birds have proven highly suspicious, and contrary to known law. Creation, on the other hand, is based on God's making everything to produce after it's kind (Gen 1:11, 21, & 24).

Law #3 - Law of Biogenesis: This law states that life begets life. Living matter cannot spring from non-living matter. A puddle of ooze will not produce living organisms; no matter how much electric current runs through it. Life demands something that non-life cannot offer – the genetic information that makes it what it is. You can put energy into non-living matter until your batteries run dry; but without genetic information it will not live. Creation, on the other hand, tells us that life came about by the wisdom of a Master Architect: God.

Law #4 - Second Law of Thermodynamics: This law states that the universe tends toward winding down, and becoming disordered. Batteries lose their charge; cars run out of gas; watch springs unwind; gardens fill with weeds; people age and die. The evolutionist tells us that matter has existed eternally in the past. This is their way of explaining where things came from. But if the processes of thermodynamics are at work, we know that to be an impossibility. If matter (and it's incumbent energy) is eternal; then it would have exhausted itself an eternity ago.

These laws, and others, clearly reveal a model that is much more reasonable for faith. God created!

The Earth's Age...

The age of the earth is a continual thorn in the side for some people. They see mountains, caves, and canyons, and cannot conceive of them being young. The reason is that they have been trained to look at things from a standpoint of present forces acting to create each element. So when they look at the Grand Canyon, and believe that the river and the wind carved it, they must conclude that it took an immense span of time to do so. But what if the little Colorado River didn't carve that canyon? What if a catastrophe did it? (Like a flood) Then we must admit that the canyon could have been formed in days, rather than millions of years. But what if God created the Grand Canyon just as it pleased Him (basically as it is now)? Then we must admit that the canyon could have been formed in a second, rather than millions of years.

Radioactive dating methods have been in use for many years, and have been the mainstay for those who wish to stretch an object's date back into the past. The method must assume certain variables about the environment at the time a specimen died (or as it lay in state). Changing an assumption about those variables can change the age my millions of years. Is it any wonder that radiometric dating by scientists always comes out the way they predict? Did you know that there is scientific evidence to show the earth to be

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THIS WEEK'S DAILY BIBLE READINGS

NEW TESTAMENT READING

*PHILIPPIANS 1 - 4;
TITUS 1 - 3*

November 9 - 11

OLD TESTAMENT READING

*II SAMUEL 11 - 14;
PSALMS 21 - 27*

November 12 - 15

I TIMOTHY 4:13

FAMILY NEWS & NOTES

*News and Notes of Interest
to Fry Road Members*

Because of the large number of visitors to our services, we would ask those wishing to identify with the congregation to do so by expressing this interest directly to the elders.

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

Gospel Meeting (Dee Bowman)
January 11 - 14, 2015

V.B.S.
June 21 - 25, 2015

Gospel Meeting (Jim Deason)
September 13 - 16, 2015

Gospel Meeting (Carl McMurray)
April 12 - 15, 2015

Annual Singing
September 12, 2015

Sick and Shut-Ins

Sections have been removed to preserve members' privacy

Sermons:

Next Sunday:

Gladly Receiving the Word

Tonight:

Alleged Contradictions

Preaching Abroad...

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relatively young. Some of the evidence would tell us that the earth is less than one-million years old. Other factors even indicate that we are less than ten-thousand years old. Factors like the earth's magnetic field; hydrogen to helium conversion; depth of dust on the moon; the size of the sun; the rate of planetary rotations; Polonium halos; etc... etc... The point is that there are scientific factors pointing to a young age for our earth and solar system.

Conclusion...

If you have children or grandchildren, sit down with them and discuss these things. Their teachers and friends will, whether you do or don't. Evolution doesn't have one solid piece of evidence to hold it up. The laws of science are against it. The truth regarding the evolutionist's own dating methods indicts him on charges of fraud. Scientific evidence exists, dating the earth at a young age, rather than at billions of years old. Add up everything we have found to this point: Science and reason declare that God created the heavens and the earth.



Ladies Class...

Ladies, don't forget the **Fall Ladies Bible Classes**. The morning class will run on Tuesdays until 11/18/14, meeting at the Fry Road Building at 10:00 a.m. The evening class will run until 11/11/14, meeting every other Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. at Cinco Ranch Library. On 11/18/14 there will be a Special Topics class for one evening.

FOR THE RECORD

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS

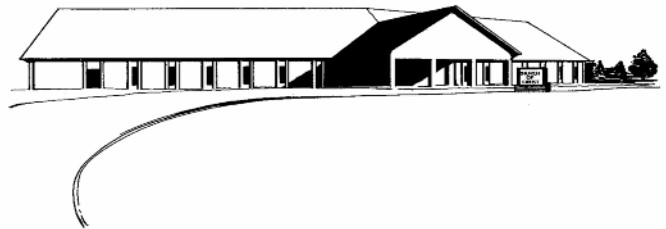
MONTHLY ASSIGNMENTS

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IN KEEPING WITH OUR LONG STANDING AGREEMENT, THOSE SERVING PUBLICLY ARE REMINDED TO PLEASE DRESS IN A MANNER RESPECTFUL OF THE GOD WHOM WE SERVE.

ELDERS:

Ruben Amador
Matthew Heaton
Donnie Mangrum
Steven Martin
Steve Voss



DEACONS:

John Coleman	Ken Dunsmore
David Ellison	Ray Farrell
Aubrey Garner	Steve Geraci
Steve LaGrasta	John Light
Mike McMurray	Jason Mock
David Stevenson	Glenn Tomblin

TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Classes	9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Assembly	10:30 AM
Sunday Evening Assembly	6:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Classes	7:30 PM

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