

University Heights Church of Christ

BULLETIN

January 25, 2009

After Their Kind

Genesis 1:20 “And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that has life, and fowl [that] may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. 21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moves, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that [it was] good. 22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth. 3 And the evening and the morning were the fifth day. 24 And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. 25 And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creeps upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that [it was] good.”

The Bible affirms that from the beginning every form of life has reproduced its own form of life. According to the Bible grass produces grass, insects produce insects, fish produce fish, birds produce birds and cows produce cows. **If what the Bible claims is true that should be reflected in the fossils of this earth.** If what the Bible says, about the origin of the multitudes of life-forms on this earth is true, a person should be able to go collect a bunch of fossils of all kinds of life-forms. There should be fossils of trees, fossils of grass, fossils of insects and fossils of fish. There should be fossils of lizards, fossils of seashells, fossils of elephants and of all kinds of other forms of life. According to the claims of the Bible all of these forms of life should be recognizable as what they are whether fish or grass or trees, seeds, eggs or whatever. Not only that but some of the trees preserved as fossils should be like each other, some of the fish should be like each other and so on because according to the Bible's claims each life-form was producing its own kind from the very beginning. If the Bible is telling the truth then the fossil record should indicate that from the very beginning each life-form was producing its own kind. When I study a large collection of fossils that is what I should find if the Bible is telling the truth about the nature of life-forms on planet earth.

So, when a person examines a large collection of fossils what does a person find? When a person examines a large collection of fossils the person finds fossils of specific kinds of grass, trees, insects, seashells, birds, snakes, fish, seeds, eggs, lizards, elephants, horses, dogs and who knows what else, that are all part of a self producing system that existed in past ages. From the fossils there is no indication that the system those life-forms were part of when alive was basically any different from the system of which we are a part here on earth today. If the fish were swimming in our ponds they would just be fish like all rest of the fish with nothing to make them stand out from the other fish that are alive and swimming in our ponds today. If the mosquitoes, bees or ants from the fossils were alive and in our house or yard today we would see nothing about them that would set them apart as different from the mosquitoes, bees and ants that actually are in our house or yard today. They all, fossil or living, exhibit the same characteristics of legs and eyes and feelers and wings or whatever they are equipped with. The same thing is true of the lobsters and scorpions and snakes. Each kind of life seen in the fossils produced its own kind and operated as a living part of an interactive environment just as all life-forms do on planet earth today. **The story told by the fossils is exactly the story that the Bible says that they are supposed to tell.**

There is not a thing in the fossils that refutes a single solitary word in the Holy Bible. Rather than refute the words of the Bible **the fossils give evidence that what the Bible says is absolutely true.** Each life-form has produced after its kind since the beginning of life on earth. **That is what the Bible says and that is what the fossils say.**

According to the Holy Bible, after the earth was in existence for a while, bountifully overflowing with multitudes of living things, God brought a flood that covered the entire surface of the planet with water. It rained steadily day and night for over a month. Once the waters reached their peak the tides that circle the earth twice each day were unobstructed for months until the rain stopped and the waters receded enough for land to once more appear. **If that Bible story were true there should be evidence to be found in the earth to support it.** There is no way to cover the earth with an unbroken wall-to-wall rain forest of abundant life-forms for hundreds of years and just wash it away and make it all disappear without a trace. **If a worldwide flood ever happened on planet earth you could find evidence of it worldwide.** Count on it. If a worldwide flood had ever happened **you could go to the top of the mountains and find seashells.** You would find **sedimentary layer after sedimentary layer laid down by the huge tides that would have circled the entire planet twice every single day.** You would find **layer after layer of debris from all of the life-forms that were destroyed and buried.** You would find **signs of colossal hydraulic catastrophe on every part of the globe including huge runoff channels, enormous gravel beds and mounds, evidence of temporary shorelines of receding bodies of water, and every other possible hydraulic phenomenon.** But most of these signs left by the water would be so massive that they would not be recognized for what they were unless the observer was unbiased enough to accept the possibility of a global flood and began to think on that scale.

The fact is that the geology of the earth is exactly the geology that would result from a global flood.

Fossil fuel is available today because **at some period in the history of this earth the surface of the earth suffered some kind of thing that buried unimaginable amounts of living matter in layer after layer after layer, planet wide.** Those layers of buried organic material are in **the bottoms of oceans** just like they are in **the tops of mountains in every part of this planet.** Offshore oilrigs are bringing oil and gas out of **the bottoms of oceans** because there are **sedimentary layers or organic material in the bottoms of oceans** just like there are **in the tops of mountains** in Kentucky or West Virginia or some other part of the earth. **There is not a single feature in the geology of the planet that does not completely support what the Holy Bible said about a global flood.**

Evidence continues to pile up year after year to prove that **the Holy Bible tells it like it is.** The Holy Bible is not a science book but **true scientific facts do not disagree with the Holy Bible.**

Remember To Pray For

The family and loved ones of **Lorene Pagan** in her death
Lisa Powell
Glen Davis with a hearing problem
Jackson Scott Spivey
Mildred Collins, David's mother who is to undergo thyroid surgery
Dallis and Alma Isaacs
Francis Nations
Mary Jane Frost
Melanie Bilye
Rick Shamas
Bonnie Wells
Sarah Phillips
Carol Bach
Edith Tirey
Lucy Hale
Pamela Clayton
Ella Wells, and her family
Freddie Ward
David and Chessie Harwell
Donna Caldwell
Mabel Greene
Tony Tyree
Ruth Brundige
Cindy Miller
Christie Ellis
Shirley Lewis
Brady Gibbons
Gail Hunter
Larry Flannery
Donnie Joseph
Cheryl Spear
Lanny Hiller
Charity and Abdiel Pallafox
Helen Stephens
Chris Handshoe
Jeffrey Howerton
Addison Pervine
Tom Kemp
Freda Blakey

In the parable of the sower $\frac{3}{4}$ of **the seed sown did not bear fruit**
Matthew 13:18-23, Mark 4:14-20; Luke 8:11-15

The design of every part of the universe is a thoughtful thing.

A thoughtful thing cannot exist without a thinker.

If the universe were not a thoughtful thing there would be no way to figure out how it works because there would be no order to figure out.

In manufacturing when you see a part with a threaded hole you know that there is a corresponding part that has threads.

You know that because you know that manufacturers work thoughtfully.

God also can be depended upon to work thoughtfully

"GOD CREATED" Genesis 1:1

Thoughts

One definition of "*superstition*" is "*a notion maintained despite evidence to the contrary*". That is an apt description of **the "belief" that there is no God**. All of the evidence points to God and yet some maintain, in spite of the evidence, that there is no God. **Their position is a superstition, pure and simple.**

Look at the evidence.

In the natural world there are laws. Why are there those restraints? Those restraints are there so that all parts of the universe may work together as an interactive and coordinated whole with each part contributing to the success of the entire universe. Why should that be so? **That is so because obviously there is one controlling force that has designed that it should be so and has caused it to be so. In order to believe that there is no such single controlling force a person has to ignore the evidence furnished by every part of the universe, from the DNA of the smallest form of life to the weights and speeds of the largest bodies in the universe.** Did you ever stop and think about the implications of the fact that water is the only liquid that does not condense when it freezes? Water expands when it freezes and as a result of the expansion ice is able to float on the surface of water and life can continue in the water beneath the ice. If instead of expanding in freezing water condensed, as do most other elements, as it froze the ice would sink and the body of water would freeze solid to the bottom destroying all aquatic life. Every freeze would be a freeze solid to the bottom. As a means of preserving aquatic life God designed water to expand when it freezes so that the ice floats on the surface of the water. In order to affirm that there is no God a person has to ignore the unique characteristics of ice that work to preserve life in frigid areas. Not only do they have to ignore ice in order to deny that there is a God, they also have to ignore every single solitary interaction between any elements of the universe that work for the good of the whole because such sophisticated couplings do not happen by chance. They especially do not happen by chance billions of billions of times across the face of the entire universe.

To deny that there is a God a person has to ignore the fact that each living body on earth is an ecosystem filled with other living bodies that it cannot live without. Each of those bodies has its own DNA and its own existence and lifestyle requirements that allow it to dwell within the host to the benefit of both. I cannot live without the micro organisms that inhabit my digestive system and do much of the work of turning what I eat into a form that my body can use. It is hard to see how any could ignore the obvious evidence furnished by such a sophisticated and complicated interaction between multiple separate life-forms. **This universe is not a bunch of random elements grubbing along each on their own track.** This universe is a colossal sophisticated and complicated machine made up of super sophisticated and complicated parts with super sophisticated and complicated parts each making its own unique contributions to the whole. **In order to imagine that there is no God a person has to ignore the true implications of all of that evidence. By definition that is superstition.**

Notes

The informational meeting will be today **January 25 at 4:30PM**
The informational meeting this month will cover both **December 2008 and January 2009**

If God did not create it, then tell me why, oh why, oh why?

It all goes around and around and around
Why?

A whole ecology that is all compatible with itself
Why?

Food chains that provide everything with its own special food to eat
Why?

A waste disposal system that endlessly recycles everything back into the food chains so that everything can keep on having its own special food to eat
Why?

When made known every natural process is an understandable and reasonable process that came very often be reproduced, controlled and made to work for us.

Why?

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Schedule of Services

Sunday Morning

Bible Classes 9:45am

Worship Service 10:45am

Sunday Evening

Worship Service 6:00pm

Wednesday Evening

Bible Studies for all ages 7:30pm

Monthly Song Service

First Friday 7:30pm

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