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Evolutionary Dating Flaws

Evolutionary dating methods are inherently flawed. Even those who espouse the ancient earth philosophy are forced to admit that their dating methods are often wildly inaccurate and that they produce anomalous results. Consider:

"Several years ago some scientists discovered human bones buried under thick deposits of mud in California. The bones were submitted to 'competent' authorities who declared them to be about 75,000 years old. Unfortunately, however, as they dug deeper, they found an old United States Army button. Now, maybe the United States had an army 75,000 years ago--or just maybe the scientific dating methods are not all that reliable" (Wayne Jackson, "Scientific Red Faces," Reasoning from Revelation, Jan., '91, p. 3).

"Recently an archaeological excavation team, led by professor Mitsuo Kawaga of Beppu University, discovered drawings on the wall of a cave on

the Japanese island of Kyushu. The excited scientists announced that the drawings were from 10,000 to 13,000 years old. Alas, a lifelong resident of the area came forward to confess that he had often scribbled on the walls of the cave when he was a boy. The 'scientists' had only missed it by about 99.99%" (Ibid).

"USA Today, February 20. Red-Faced scientists today were forced to admit that archaeoraptor, which editors of National Geographic magazine had announced in the July 1999 issue as the "missing link" between dinosaurs and birds, turned out to be a clever forgery by a Chinese smuggler. The supposedly bird-like creature, with the tail of a meat-eating dinosaur, sprouted its remarkable tail recently, rather than 120 million years ago" (Duane Schmidt, "Red-Faced Scientists," And God Created Darwin, p. 118).

"In the June 1982 issue of Industrial Research and Development, Dr. Frederic B. Jueneman said, 'The age of the globe is thought to be some 4.5

billion years, based on radiodecay rates ... Such 'confirmation' may be short-lived, as nature is not to be discovered quite so easily. There has been in recent years the horrible realization that radiodecay rates are not as constant as previously thought, nor are they immune to environmental influences ... And this could mean that the atomic clocks are reset during some global disaster, and events which brought the Mesozoic (Age--of the geologic time scale) to a close may not be 65 million years ago but, rather, within the age and memory of man." Commenting on Dr. Jueneman's disclosure, Wayne Jackson observed, "This is an utterly devastating admission. It concedes that if some global disaster has occurred in the ancient past (what about the biblical Flood?), then the radiometric clocks are virtually worthless" (Wayne Jackson, "Earth-dating Techniques--Assumptions Required," Creation, Evolution, and the Age of the Earth, p. 9). These kinds of examples

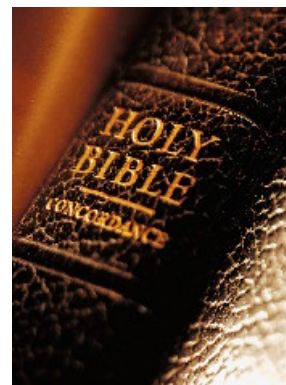
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Welcome To the Berryville church of Christ

- ♦ *We are thankful to God for this new Lord's Day. It is the day we honor His Son and the Love that He has shown us through Him. Let us worship in spirit and in truth!*
- ♦ **Elders:**
 - Clay Bozarth
 - Leon Duncan
 - Bill Fort
 - Bruce Foster
 - Glenn Quigley
- ♦ **Deacons:**
 - Ken Smith
 - Rusty Windle
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- ♦ *We are located across highway 62 from Pizza Hut.*
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Bible Studies for the week of November 11th, 2007

AM Sermon	The Preacher's Greatest
Scripture Reading	Lamentations 2:11-19
PM Sermon	Studies in Psalm 119—Strength from the Word
Scripture Reading	Psalm 119:25-32
Sunday Class.....	The Book of Matthew
Wednesday Class.....	Sharing the Abundant Life
Nursing Home Bible Study	The Book of Romans



Exodus 20:11 "For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day. . . ."



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could be multiplied a thousand-fold, and yet theistic evolutionists continue to produce and endorse "evidence" (i.e., propaganda) of an old earth while simultaneously wiping "egg off their faces." How can they consistently do so? The answer is, "They can't." But rather than admit the accuracy and authority of Scripture, so-called "scientists" hold up fanciful conjecture as indisputable fact.

The earth did not evolve over eons of time; it was created in less than a week. Moses, through inspiration (2 Timothy 3:16; cf 2 Peter 1:21) wrote, "...For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested..." (Exodus 31:17; cf. 20:11).

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Committing Acts Of Selfless Sacrifice

A few months ago, as my wife and I were walking to our car after finishing a hearty meal at one of our local restaurants, a man approached us asking for money. He told us that he was a Vietnam veteran and that he and his family needed gas to successfully reach the home of their relatives who lived in Arizona. As he and I were conversing, I noticed the sincere look of need and necessity in his eyes, gave him some money, and told him we would pray for him and his family.

One of my favorite stories in the New

Testament is about the little boy who brown-bagged it to a mountain retreat (John 6:1-14). If he was like most boys, his lunch was a very important commodity. Yet he was willing to give his lunch of five barley loaves and two small fish to the Lord. I've always had the thought that this little boy may have known that by putting his lunch in the hands of Jesus, He could do something extraordinary with it. And He did by feeding a few thousand hungry people (John 6:10).

Brethren, Jesus is still looking for a few common folk like you and me who are willing to commit out-of-the-ordinary, intentional acts of selfless sacrifice so that He can turn our offering into His glory. Let's commit such an act today by allowing Jesus to share with others what we sometimes want to keep for ourselves (Matthew 10:40-42; Matthew 25:34-40; cf. Acts 2:45; Acts 4:32-35; 2 Corinthians 8:1-15; Gal. 6:10; 1 John 3:17-18).

Mike Riley
El Paso, Texas



The Week in Review: November 4th, 2007



Sunday Bible Class.....	54
Sunday AM Worship.....	66
Sunday PM Worship.....	41
Wednesday Night Study.....	39
Contribution.....	\$1475.00
Budget.....	\$1743.39

Kevin's Korner

This coming weekend, Mary Lynn and I will be hosting a yard sale at our house. We haven't had a yard sale for a few years and so we have quite a bit of stuff accumulated. Mostly, we have clothing. We have men's, women's, and boy's clothing of ages from 18 months to 11 years. So if you need something, come on by and help yourself.

As you may or may not have heard, our family is moving. We have been here in Berryville for the past six years and have greatly enjoyed living here. I really can't say enough good things about the relationship that we have had with the congregation as a whole and with the eldership. Mary Lynn and I have also enjoyed living in the town of Berryville.. In fact, I can't think of a better small-town atmosphere to live in than Berryville. It has truly been a blessing to be here.

You may be wondering what opportunity I have. About a month ago I received a telephone call from the director of the Southwest School of Bible Studies in Austin, Texas. I wasn't expecting him to call at all and at first I thought he wanted to talk about a manuscript that I had submitted for

the lectureship that is held down there each year. Instead he wanted to know if I was interested in becoming one of the teachers in that school of preaching. I told him that I would be interested in that. A couple of weeks ago when I was absent from the Halloween party, I flew down to Austin for an interview with the eldership there. They let me know pretty soon after the interview that they would like to hire me for the job. I am very grateful for this opportunity because I can't imagine being able to serve the brotherhood better than to participate in the training of men to become preachers. I feel both humbled and honored to be able to participate in the work described in 2 Timothy 2:2: "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." I would appreciate your prayers as I enter this new phase of service.

Our immediate future plans then involve some vacation time and our preparation for move. The week of November 19th, we will be going down to Texas for Thanksgiving vacation and also to look for housing. I'll also be moving my office the

week of the 19th as well, so I'm packing up my books and papers this week. We will be moving the house at the end of December and my new position is scheduled to start at the first of the new year.

That leaves the eldership here looking for a new preacher. I certainly pray God's richest blessings upon finding a man to come to the congregation here and work. It is a big challenge to be a preacher today. There are so many expectations that many have. I pray that you will remember that the number one qualification for selecting a preacher is that he will preach the truth without compromise. Nothing destroys the church faster than someone who will not preach the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. Why is that? Because when a preacher fails to preach the truth, the church loses her identity. Once the church has lost her identity, then at that point, anything goes. Remember what Paul told Timothy about the church, that she is to be the pillar and ground of the truth (1 Timothy 3:15). I pray that the church here will continue to be that pillar and ground, that light that brightly shines in the world around us.

Announcements

- Please remember in prayer: Sylvia Anderson, Shane Blackston, Glenda Chamberlin, Mary Forehand, Tom High, Opal Hull, Kailyn Hunter, Wilma Morris, Betty Meinsora, Florene Neal, Marjorie Robinson, Nancy Silvers, Julie Sooter, Bill Webb, Vaughn Farmer's mother-in-law, Ruth, Marie's daughter Roberta.
- Please remember Perry Foster and Monte Wolfenbarger who are in the military and serving or soon to serve in Iraq.
- Our monthly potluck is scheduled for next Sunday after the morning worship. Everyone is invited to attend.
- The monthly financial statement is available if you would like a copy.
- We extend our congratulations to Sarai Umaña, Moises daughter, for her graduation from High School. The family will be celebrating her achievement this month.
- Our pantry item is: Pickles.

God's Salvation Plan

1. **Hear** the Gospel—Romans 10:17
2. **Believe** on the Lord & His Word—Mark 16:16; John 8:24
3. **Repent** of your sins—Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30
4. **Confess** Christ—Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9
5. **Be Baptized** for the remission of sins—Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27
6. Live a **faithful**, dedicated life—Revelation 2:10; 2 Peter 1:5-10

Welcome!

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Times for Worship and Study

Sunday Morning Bible Class:	9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship:	10:20 AM
Sunday Evening Worship:	6:00 PM
Wed. Ladies Bible Class:	10:30 AM
Wed. Evening Bible Class:	7:00 PM
Thursday Nursing Home Bible Study	2:00 PM

Serving Each Other

Nov. 11th, 2007

Nov. 18th, 2007

Sunday Morning

Songs:	Bill Fort	Ken Smith
Preaching:	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	Rusty Windle	Clay Bozarth
Scripture Reading:	Perry Foster	Matthew Morrell
Lord's Table	John Gass	Leon Duncan
	Glenn Quigley	Ken Smith
(assist)	Bruce Foster	Jerry Roller
	Ray Duncan	Michael Morrell
Closing Prayer	Ervin Hand	Glenn Quigley

Sunday Evening

Songs:	Bruce Foster	Bill Fort
Preaching:	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	Floyd Bills	Rusty Windle
Scripture Reading:	Rusty Windle	Ray Duncan
Lord's Table	George Eddings	Jerry Roller
	Benjamin Windle	Dale Pinkley
Closing Prayer	Glenn Quigley	Dan Hand

Wednesday

Songs:	Kevin Cauley	Bruce Foster
Opening Prayer:	Dale Pinkley	George Eddings
Invitation:	Rusty Windle	Kevin Cauley
Closing Prayer:	John Gass	Dale Pinkley

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