

# RECOMMENDED RESOURCES



## DISMANTLED

### A scientific deconstruction of evolution

Education systems and the media have repeatedly told us that humans and all living creatures evolved from a single-celled organism through random mutations and natural selection. This allegedly occurred over billions of years through unguided natural processes. But what if the story we've been told about our alleged evolutionary ancestry is wrong, and the latest findings from modern genetics effectively falsify it? Would you believe it? This DVD shows fascinating evidence from modern science that's collapsing the theory of evolution and simultaneously confirming the biblical view of origins. **DVD 94 minutes. £14.00 (+ 1.10 P & P)**

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## MEDIA WATCH (from page two)

### GALAXY THEORIES CHALLENGED

"Scientists have challenged our current understanding of how galaxies form by unveiling pictures of a young galaxy in the early life of the Universe which appears surprisingly mature," reported *Science Daily* (21st February 2021). "The galaxy, dubbed ALESS 073.1, appears to have all of the features expected of a much more mature galaxy and has led the team of scientists to question how it grew so fast." Dr Timothy Davis, from the School of Physics and Astronomy, said: "This spectacular discovery challenges our current understanding of how galaxies form because we believed these features only arose in "mature" galaxies, not in young ones."



**COMMENT:** According to the Bible, there are no younger or older galaxies, since all of them would have been created when God made the stars. (*Genesis 1: 16*). Any theory which has galaxies evolving over billions of years is bound to be in error.

### MILKY WAY "MAY BE SWARMING WITH PLANETS"

"The Milky Way may be swarming with planets with oceans and continents like here on Earth," according to *Science Daily* (22nd February 2021). "Astronomers have long been looking into the vast universe in hopes of discovering alien civilisations. But for a planet to have life, liquid water must be present." Researchers at the University of Copenhagen have published "an eye-opening study indicating that water may be present during the very formation of a planet." They did a computer simulation based on a theory known as 'pebble accretion' e.g. that planets form when pebbles filled with ice and carbon clump together and then grow larger and larger. After about 5 billion years this would supposedly create planets that already had water, and were suitable for "the emergence of life."



**COMMENT:** Is there any evidence that pebbles would stick together after swirling together for 5 billion years? And the theory that life would "emerge" if conditions are right has no scientific basis.

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# CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF MINISTRY

This year, the Creation Resources Trust is celebrating 40 years of ministry. CRT was founded in 1981 as the *Somerset Creationist Group*. Following a talk by former atheist Dr A J Monty White at the local Methodist Church, a small group of concerned Christians in South Somerset got together, to see how they could share the evidence for creation and highlight the flaws in evolution theory.



About 370 people attended our first "Creation Day" at Street, Somerset, in 1993, including 90 children, who were catered for in special sessions.



CRT's two-storey unit was opened on 28th March 1998

This was done through talks, "Creation Days" and seminars, books, literature and audio-visual aids. In 1985 we decided to publish a creation paper for children, called *Our World*, which is still going strong today, and is distributed throughout the UK and overseas. We have also produced a range of full-colour creation-based tracts. All our literature is supplied on a donation basis, so that people who wish to use it are not restricted by cost.

Initially our ministry was intended to be local, but requests for information and resources began coming in from a much wider area. We were also visiting many parts of the UK, Northern Ireland and Scotland. So, in 1989, it was decided to change our name to the *Creation Resources Trust*. This not only reflected our wider influence, but it accurately described what we were doing – providing resources on the subject of creation. In 1990 we launched *Original View*, a creation paper for teenagers and students, now sub-titled "The REAL science paper." Our regular publications and other literature are sent free of charge to more than 40 countries worldwide, and we have our own website, online shop and Facebook page.



Geoff Chapman and CRT Trustee Peter Trenchard working on the garage conversion

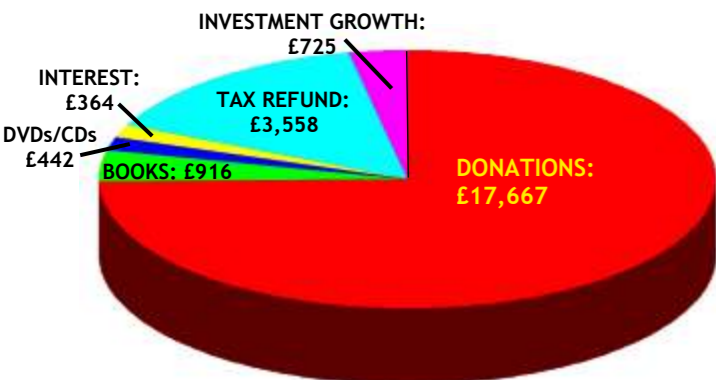
A special milestone in CRT's ministry was the conversion of the garage at the Chapman family home into a two-storey unit, after receiving a generous legacy. The work was done by family members and some CRT Trustees, with the help of a local builder. *Creation Update* No. 29 (right), which was printed in full-colour for the first time, reported the 1998 opening ceremony by Dr Monty White, and the dedication by local Methodist minister the Rev. Robert Channon (above left). A good number of our supporters also attended the event, which was followed by a buffet lunch, and a talk by Dr Monty White at the local Methodist Church.



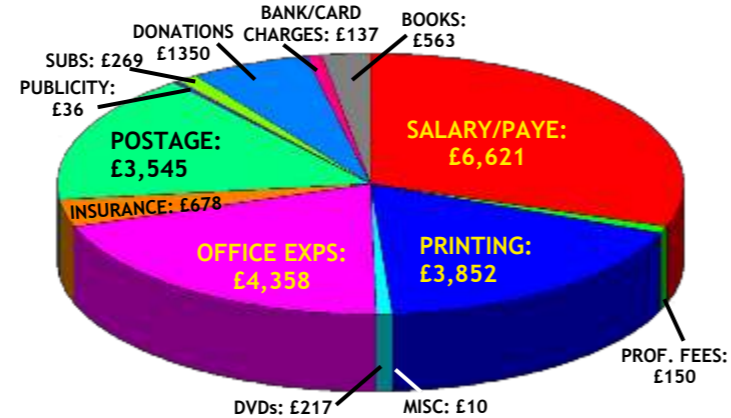
## CRT ACCOUNTS, YEAR ENDING 31/12/20

We give thanks to God for His goodness, and to all those who support us so generously, enabling us to continue our ministry. Thanks also to our treasurer David Herring and our auditor Graham Treharne. We do not make financial appeals.

### INCOME: £23,672



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CRT has always been happy to support, and cooperate with the other UK creation organisations, and for a number of years we have been producing a quarterly *Prayer Diary*, listing all the creation meetings and events which are taking place. These events have been growing in number in recent years, and the creation movement is here to stay.



Participants taking part in a "Zoom" conference by Creation Ministries International

## BEATING THE LOCKDOWN

Thanks to modern technology, many planned creation events and conferences have gone ahead online via *Zoom* and *Youtube*. In some cases, several hundred people from around the world have joined in. Although online gatherings are no substitute for the real thing there is no doubt that God has used the internet to enable His truth to continue to be shared during the coronavirus lockdown.



## MEDIA WATCH

### SCIENTISTS WISE UP TO OWL FLIGHT



*Science Daily* (21st October 2020) reported: "Scientists from the University of Bristol and the Royal Veterinary College have discovered how birds are able to fly in gusty conditions — findings that could inform the development of bio-inspired small-scale aircraft." After studying film of a barn owl, Dr Shane Windsor from the Department of Aerospace Engineering at the University of Bristol, said, "Birds routinely fly in high winds close to buildings and terrain -- often in gusts as fast as their flight speed. So the ability to cope with strong and sudden changes in wind is essential for their survival and to be able to do things like land safely and capture prey. We know birds cope amazingly well in conditions which challenge engineered air vehicles of a similar size but, until now, we didn't understand the mechanics behind it." The researchers found that owls cope with gusty conditions by changing the shape and posture of their wings, and hope to copy this "to develop bio-inspired suspension systems for small-scale aircraft."

**COMMENT:** Owls are often described as wise, but their Creator, whose design these scientists hope to copy, is much wiser! But will they acknowledge this?

### DARWIN'S 'ABOMINABLE MYSTERY' UNSOLVED

In a letter to his closest friend, botanist and explorer Dr Joseph Hooker in 1879, Charles Darwin wrote: "The rapid development as far as we can judge of all the higher plants within recent geological times is an abominable mystery." According to *BBC News* (23rd January 2021) "The famous naturalist was haunted by the question of how the first flowering plants evolved, because they appeared "relatively recently on a geological timescale, then swiftly diversified in an explosion of colour, shape and form." Has Darwin's "abominable mystery" been solved. Not according to Professor Richard Buggs: "One hundred and forty years later, the mystery's still unsolved," the botanist said. "Of course, we've made lots of progress in our understanding of evolution and in our knowledge of the fossil record, but this mystery is still there."



**COMMENT:** The origin of flowering plants is no mystery to those who believe in divine creation. Flowering plants were the first thing God created: "Then God said, 'Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it. according to their various kinds. And it was so.'" (*Genesis 1: 11*).

### THE UNSQUASHABLE BEETLE

"Getting run over by a car is not a near-death experience for the diabolical ironclad beetle," reported *LiveScience.com* (21st October 2020). A study by engineers at the University of California, Irvine (UCI) and Purdue University "found that the diabolical ironclad beetle's super-toughness lies in its two armorlike 'elytron' that meet at a line, called a suture, running the length of the abdomen... It can take a load of at least 39,000 times its body weight -- before the exoskeleton begins to fracture... How the beetle (left) survives could inspire the development of new materials with the same herculean toughness, engineers show."



**COMMENT:** Yet another example of human engineers being amazed at God's designs, and wanting to copy them — even a tiny beetle.

MEDIA WATCH CONTINUES ON BACK PAGE

## Creation Moments

Can there be design without a Designer?

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities — his eternal power and divine nature — have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. (*Romans 1: 20*)

A new science called *biomimetics* is making news. In the past we have talked about how some of man's designs are often similar to God's which do the same job. However, in biomimetics, researchers actively seek to study the creation to learn of designs that will solve engineering problems.

We are all familiar with the story of how thistle seeds inspired *Velcro*. Engineers have used the design of the owl's wing to make the structures that carry electrical current to trains. The result is a much quieter ride. The moth's eyes' ability not to reflect light helps make it harder to be spotted by birds. The same design has now been used to make a non-reflective film. The result is a film that can be used to help prevent windows from reflecting light. This film will soon be available commercially. Many dyes are toxic, yet many creatures manage to show off bright colours without using toxic substances. Materials engineers studied how the jewel beetle produces its colour. The result is a film that seems to change colour depending on the angle from which you view it.

No scientist can offer a rational explanation for how so many thoughtful and efficient designs could be generated in a mindless universe. These designs are fingerprints God left all over the creation so that man might seek Him out.

**Prayer:** I thank and praise You, dear Father, for the excellence and wonder You have left as fingerprints in the creation. Amen.

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### CREATION RESOURCES TRUST

40th Anniversary Celebrations

Saturday 18th September 2021

4pm–7.30pm.

The Davis Hall, Howell Hill, West Camel, Near Yeovil, BA22 7QX.

Guest speaker: Professor Stuart Burgess

Stuart Burgess has worked for the European Space Agency. He also led the design and testing of the chain drive for the British Olympic Cycling Team who won a record six gold medals at the 2016 Rio Olympics. In 2019 he was awarded the *IMEchE James Clayton Prize*, for "a major contribution to mechanical engineering science in the UK."



Due to the coronavirus pandemic, we were unable to have an annual meeting in 2020 — the first time since we began in 1981, but we trust that this year's meeting will go ahead, and allow us to mark this special anniversary. Full details will be published in our next issue.

### EDITORIAL

## "A Triumph of Science"?

By Geoff Chapman



Science has provided us with many benefits, such as vaccination, but it has also been used to do great harm, in the hands of evil people.

THE rapid production and roll-out of anti-covid vaccines has been very impressive. One scientist, who was interviewed on BBC news, described it as "A triumph of science." So do we praise science for what has been achieved? In fairness, that same scientist also used the word "miracle" in the interview.

### THE SOURCE OF WISDOM

The English word "science" comes from the Latin word *scientia*, which means "knowledge." We acknowledge the benefits that science has brought us, and reject the claim that science and faith are enemies. The development of vaccines and medicines has saved millions of lives, and is surely in line with the teaching of Jesus, who devoted much of His ministry to healing the sick.

Smallpox is a deadly disease which once afflicted up to 20% of people until Edward Jenner, a committed Christian, developed a vaccine at the end of the 18th century. He inoculated people with the cowpox virus, and discovered that this protected them from smallpox. Many people were suspicious of Jenner, and opposed the vaccine, but by 1840 the British Government made smallpox vaccinations free for everyone — the very first vaccine against a contagious disease. Smallpox has been effectively eradicated, and Jenner gave credit to God for his discovery. Some people are unhappy about the covid vaccines, and no one should be pressured into having them, yet Christians around the world have prayed for a solution to the coronavirus pandemic. So is it not possible that God guided the scientists who developed the vaccines, and that He has used them to answer our prayers?



"I am not surprised that men are not grateful to me; but I wonder that they are not grateful to God for the good which He has made me the instrument of conveying to my fellow creatures —Edward Jenner.<sup>1</sup>

### MISUSED SCIENCE

Many terrible things have happened through the misuse of science, and millions of people have died as a result. This is what happens when people use their knowledge for evil purposes. It seems that the cleverer humans get, the more likely they are to misuse science to do harm rather than good. Sometimes, inventions that can be used for good have also been used to bring death and destruction.

Remotely-controlled planes called drones have many good uses, such as taking aerial photographs. But drones are now used for military purposes, too. Controllers sit at a computer console and hit targets thousands of miles away. Hitler's gas chambers were designed by German scientists, and victims were gassed by Zyklon-B, a cyanide-based chemical originally invented to kill insect pests. Nuclear weapons and land mines were also designed by scientists. Would anyone describe these things as "a triumph of science"?

### BEST TO WORK WITH GOD

Unlike the great pioneers of science, many modern scientists would say they don't need God. However, as famous scientist Sir Isaac Newton wrote: "God governs all things, and knows all that is or can be done."<sup>2</sup> God can guide scientists, even though they don't acknowledge Him, and that includes the production of medicines and vaccines. We applaud what they have achieved, but how much more they could achieve if they acknowledged God and worked with Him! The Bible says: "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." (*Proverbs 9: 10*). We can all be thankful for good science, but let's not allow it to become an idol.

1. Nolie Mumej, Edward Jenner; 1949. *Vaccination: bicentenary of the birth of Edward Jenner*, Volume one. Range Press, p. 37  
2. Isaac Newton: *Inventor, Scientist and Teacher*. J.H. Tiner, 1975.

## Truth in Science Winter School



Just over 50 young people took part in the *Truth in Science* Student Winter School, held online due to the coronavirus restrictions. Speakers included Professor Andy McIntosh, Professor Steve Taylor, and Dr Steve Lloyd of the Biblical Creation Trust. There was also a testimony session by a student who is doing her medical course in Liverpool. The event was part of the TiS Student Initiative, whose purpose is to enable Christian students to withstand the promotion of evolution, and to grow future Christian Union leaders in our Universities/Colleges who understand the issues and can defend the Biblical Creation position in their disciplines, and graciously stand firm in their CUs.

A summer school is planned for September 3rd-4th 2021, and it is hoped that coronavirus restrictions will be lifted by then. If not, the event will again take place online. For further details, please contact: [info@truthinscience.org.uk](mailto:info@truthinscience.org.uk).