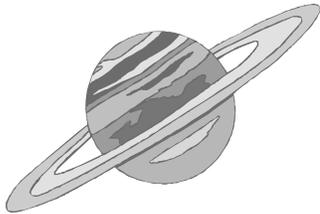


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CREATION CORNER

Experiments to Prove Evolution Theory

Would you like to be world-famous? Well if you can get these experiments to work, you would be! Because then you would prove evolution really could happen.

1. When nothing makes itself into something.

Experiment One: Go into an empty room and clean it out well. Remove all the furniture and even the dust. Seal up the windows and lock the doors and leave. Come back periodically and check to see what happens. The air inside the room should change itself into different types of matter, such as birds, chemicals, grass, etc. Or take a vacuum bottle and extract as much air and gaseous material as possible. Seal it. The contents should change into something else.

Conclusion: Nothing ever makes itself into anything.

2. When gas begins twirling.

Experiment Two: With all the doors and windows shut, and everything inside and outside the house evenly cold, the air in the house should begin rotating and then push itself into a solid.

Conclusion: Gas left alone in a cold place will not do anything.

3. When gas gravitates into a solid.

Experiment Three: Gas is supposed to push

itself into solids. We will help it along, by starting with the high-pressure propane tank in your backyard. Fill it as full as possible, thus helping to push the gas together. Wait and check it periodically. The contents should change themselves into a solid. Then open the valve to see how the situation is proceeding: All the contents will rush out.

Conclusion: "Nature may abhor a vacuum," but gas abhors being pushed together!

4. When stars get together.

Experiment Four: There are hundreds of millions of multiple star systems, in which several stars are close to one another and mutually orbit each other. Simulate this by taking three or four circular magnets (you will find one on the back of every TV set in the junkyard). Place them close together and, by hand, have them orbit one another. They are never to come together, but only to circle one another. Scientists know that the gravitational ("magnetic-like") attraction of an average star is about 5 light-years. They also know that multiple stars are far closer to each other than 5 light-years! So, like magnets, they ought to rush together if not properly kept apart by exacting orbits.

Conclusion: You cannot put magnets close together without them coming together, no matter

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how carefully you try to keep them from doing so. It is impossible for stars to randomly arrange themselves into short, or long-term orbits with anything. Try dropping one magnet past another repeatedly, and see if it will accidentally go into orbit!

5. When randomness organizes itself.

Experiment Five: Go to your local junkyard and ask that it be locked up and closed off for a year. Return from time to time and watch how it cleans itself up and then arranges itself into an orderly collection of materials.

Conclusion: Randomness never organizes itself. Incoherent matter in outer space could never arrange itself into orbiting stars, galaxies, and planetary systems. = ^ .. ^ =

HISTORY

The Protestant Reformation: 10

Back to Luther

Remember that after the 'Diet of Worms' Luther had been carried off and hidden away in the castle at Wartburg. The Roman leaders at first were happy because they thought he had been killed; but soon they found they were in a lot of trouble with the people as they were angry and wanted to know where the teacher of truth was. More and more his books and tract were spread around and more people began to see the truth as it is in Jesus instead of the lies of the church traditions.

We learned how fanatics came in to spoil the work of Luther and how he made the dangerous trip to Wittenberg to preach against them. Then he returned to the castle and translated the New Testament into German and had it printed. (Later the rest of the Bible)

Now the priests and monks were really worried as the people could now read the Bible and question the leaders who did not know the truths from its pages.

In 1529 a group of princes presented a protest at a meeting called the 'Diet of Spires'. The emperor had sided with Rome and was determined to put an end to these 'Protestants' as they were coming to be known, because they were protesting against the errors of Rome. But every time he would be ready to send his armies to make away with them, the Turks would attack the empire and he would have to go fight them and leave the young movement alone.

God was working it that way so that people

would have a chance to learn truth. But this meeting in 1529 was called so that the Emperor could order the Princes to get rid of all the heretics and stop the spread of these doctrines of Luther. Many Roman leaders were at the Diet and they showed they expected soon to be victorious over these rebels against the authority of Rome.

The people still went by thousands to hear the truth preached at Wittenberg and this caused the Emperor to announce that the decree, allowing freedom of worship, was to be done away with and all were to bow to the rules of Rome!

One man who loved the truth said, "Christ has again fallen into the hands of Caiaphas and Pilate." The Roman leaders then became more violent and declared, "If we must choose between the Holy Scriptures of God and the old errors of the church, we should reject (the Scriptures)."

The freedom to worship according to the Bible was firmly established in some of the states and Rome wanted a rule that this would be all taken away. However the Emperor could not get the Princes to give up their freedom and so finally they made an agreement that only where most of the people were 'Lutherans' could they continue to have this freedom and in places where the truth had not yet come, they could not. And no more preaching was to be done to people who had not yet heard the message.

Rome was happy with this as it meant that the Bible truths would not be able to spread and after a while would die out.

Do you know that the same rule has been passed in our world today? Yes, it is called 'anti-proselytizing'. What a big word! But it means that people are not legally allowed to go and tell members of other churches about the truth of the Bible. They can tell truths only to people who don't belong to any other church. But Jesus told His people to tell the whole world and the final message is to tell people to come out of the worldly churches. Rome wants Bible truth to die out today also!

The reformed princes got together and thought about this offer of Rome. Sure they were to be allowed to continue to worship as they chose, but only by permission from Rome. They chose rather to reject the decree and cling to their God-given freedom. They were told they must submit or be punished.

They drew up a paper and gave it to the Diet saying they could not submit to have the laws of

Rome to force them to disobey the laws of God. They said they would gladly obey the Emperor in all things but could not disobey God to please earthly rulers. This was called 'The Protest of the Princes' and the name 'Protestant' was born.

It looked like soon these loyal Protestant princes would be forced to battle for their lives. But they asked Luther and other reformed leaders to write out a 'confession of their faith'. To be read before the Emperor.

This was done and when it was read, the Roman leaders were asked if they could prove it false. They answered that they could not do so by the Bible, but by the words of the church they could. When they heard this, more princes were converted to the reformed faith. This confession of faith has lived on and many godly men and women since that day have stood for the truths of this document. It is called the Augsburg Confession.

God was honoured when these princes chose rather to lose their crowns and even their lives rather than give up the right to worship God according to their own consciences. = ^ .. ^ =



TRUE-STORY-TIME

DRAGONS AND WINGED SERPENTS: 2

We read last week how explorers had found the lost tomb of King Tut of Egypt.

THE WINGED SERPENT

Symbols are the universal language. Wherever you go you can find the same symbols in various cultures throughout the earth.

In the tomb of King Tut, symbols are everywhere. The boy king had a golden casket over his body that preserved the features of the king. On the headdress, two creatures are beautifully designed. One is a vulture, the other a serpent. Egyptologists (people who study Egypt) tell us that this represents Upper and Lower Egypt: but there is more meaning to these symbols. The serpent

meant the Giving of Life and the vulture referred to death. The Pharaoh was said to have power over life and death!

One of the golden amulets in King Tut's tomb, pictures the boy king on his chariot. Behind the chariot was a snake with wings. This Winged Serpent was to protect the Pharaoh.

Two black boxes were found in King Tut's tomb. In these boxes, two Winged Serpents were housed. Beautifully made out of gold, they were significant in the belief of life after death. The Egyptians called these two Winged Serpents, "The Divine Serpents", showing that they represented a protecting god.

As the many discoveries came forth from King Tut's tomb, the Winged Serpent was to be seen time after time in the tomb.

It is a marvel how many times the Winged Serpents was seen throughout the art of Egypt. The sun was considered to be the Great Life Giver in the heavens and the serpent, the Life Giver on earth. The wings represent the heavenly aspect of the gods.

A human head on the body of a snake with wings is sometimes found. It is seen on a golden amulet found in King Tut's tomb. In Central America, the Winged Serpent god has a human head on the body of a snake with wings as well, showing that these symbols are universal.

One of the greatest marvels of King Tut's tomb, was his golden throne. Beautifully wrought in gold, the arm rests are made of two Winged Serpents. Why would King Tut, the one that was worshipped as the son of the sun god and the life giver, have two Winged Serpents on his golden throne?

For years our history books told the story of King Tut, dying of Tuberculosis when he was about eighteen years old. Recently scientists discovered that he was murdered, and his murderer's name was 'AY'. The ironic thing about this murder is that the Winged Serpents on either side of King Tut were to act as Protectorse king! They were like covering angels. (They sure didn't do a very good job!)

It is a strange fact that man has believed a lie ever since the Fall in the GARDEN OF EDEN. The same lie has re-echoed down through the history of this world and people are still believing this SAME LIE, "Ye Shall not Surely Die." Genesis 3:4

Snakes with wings are found in many forms and in many ways in the art of Egypt. They were painted on caskets of the Kings and Queens.

One remarkable picture of a Winged Serpent shows this snake with wings as a covering cherub over the god Osiris, the 'Many Eyed One'.

Winged Serpents were not only painted on caskets, the body of the serpent extended the full length of the casket.

No one can deny that these pictures and carvings show a snake with wings. It is part of a gigantic riddle; clues to a universal mystery that revolves around a serpent with wings.

There are tombs in central Egypt that have pairs of Winged Serpents on opposite walls. The serpent represented the life-giver and the body moving up and down represented the immortality of the soul.

Dragons are seen in the art of the world, yet there is no such thing as a dragon. Ancient Egypt was no exception. Egyptian artists painted Winged Serpents With Legs and called them Dragons. Not as numerous as Winged Serpents in general, yet they can be seen in the art of Egypt. Once again the question can be asked, WHY? To be continued
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A STORY LESSON

The Girl With the Muddy Boots!

Now this is an absolutely true story. I know this girl well, but I am going to give her a different name, as she might be very embarrassed if I used her real name. We will call her Polly.

Polly was a fairly nice girl, she was smart in school and loved to read and learn things. But sad to say, Polly had a very bad habit that bothered people whenever she was around. She always wanted to show off how smart she was. And somehow, she just did not seem to realize how unpleasant this was for others.

In the school room Polly always had her hand up first to answer every question. Every subject the teacher would talk about, Polly was always waving her hand so she could tell the teacher and the class what she knew about the subject. It was hard for

the teacher as she kept interrupting his lessons. And the other people in the class were annoyed also. But Polly thought she was so very clever. If the teacher asked for a volunteer to do something, Polly always tried to be the one.

If Polly went to a social gathering, whatever subject came up, she always had to be telling everyone all that she knew about it. Now she was smart, and in quizzes and contests she would always be first. She would rudely tell others they were wrong if she disagreed with what they were saying and even get grouchy if they didn't agree with her.

Why Polly was like this, we don't know for sure, but it just seemed as if she felt it was very important to have everyone agree with her and see how smart she was. Some people would be friends because they thought Polly was so smart, but most just didn't want Polly around.

One night God sent a most interesting dream to Polly, that changed her life completely. In the dream, she saw herself in a very fancy waiting room of some important office. It was richly furnished and had a most beautiful and valuable Persian rug on the floor. There were people sitting on the chairs waiting when Polly came in.

In her dream she was dancing all around in that waiting room and saying, "Look at me, everybody! See how smart I am! See how much I know! You should learn from me!"

And all the time she was dancing around this room. The people sat silent and were staring at her with disgusted expression. All at once her eyes went down and she saw that on her feet were two huge work boots like a construction worker might wear. And they were just loaded with gooey, sticky mud!!

As she was dancing the mud was flying off and splattering here and there in this lovely waiting room. Polly stopped dancing and stared down at the boots. The people kept staring at Polly. Her face got very red; she felt so ashamed! Then she said softly, "Oh! I am sorry! I guess I should take off my boots!"

All the people nodded eagerly. Then Polly woke up. She was glad it was just a dream, but she also knew it was a real message from Jesus to her. She got down on her knees and prayed with tears that God would forgive her rudeness and never let her forget the muddy boots. And she never has!
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BUILDING FOR JESUS

ONLY ANGELS NEED APPLY: pt-3

How Angels Work

Last week we talked about our place in heaven and we learned that there are jobs open in heaven and Jesus is doing something to prepare us so we will fit into heaven. Let's look now at some beings who do have jobs in heaven—what are they like?

Imagine for a moment two angels chatting: Angel 1 says, "I'd like to have you come to my place today, I'm having a get-together for some of the angels of the book-keeping department. It will be interesting to hear the gossip!"

Angel 2: "Well, I'd really love to come, but I haven't put in enough hours at guardian duty this week and you know how the Boss is about us getting our hours in! I'd better not."

Angel 1: "Yah, I know, I hate going down to that nasty planet earth and watching over those rude children."

Angel 2: Me too, but the Boss insists and we got to obey the Boss if we know what's good for us. Maybe I can make it another time."

Here's another scene: Jesus is speaking to one of the guardian angels, "Angel 957, would you please hurry down to earth and help angel 55, he is having a hard time to keep Satan's dark angels away from little Suzy and he needs support."

Angel 957: "Awe Boss, does it have to be today? I was all set to see the Interstellar Acrobat Angels perform tonight; I have tickets and everything!"

Is that how the heavenly angels are? Absolutely NOT!!

Your Guardian Angel is with you because he also loves you and wants to help you. He tries so very hard to teach you good ways and weeps when you choose to follow Satan's dark paths away from Jesus. In Heaven all service is done in love and angels delight to serve their commander, Jesus.

Angels are totally unselfish. Think about what this sin emergency has caused in heaven. Angels all had their jobs and their own things that they liked to do, but when sin came to this world, they gave themselves whole heartedly to do anything they could to help save sinful people like us.

We are told that there were angels that were willing to die if it would save sinful man, die forever! But an angel's life could not pay the terrible price; only the life of our Creator was enough to satisfy

the requirements of the broken law of God!

Heavenly angels never 'show-off', they veil their faces before God when they worship him. Why is this? Because they want only to draw attention to God, not to themselves. Look at this text about angels.

"And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." Revelation 19:10

John, so amazed by the angel, was ready to worship him, but the angel told him "NO! Only worship God! I am just a servant." Now we know this was Gabriel, the one Jesus calls 'His angel', he is in the place near the throne, the job Satan lost because of selfish pride.

Yes, there is only loving, unselfish service in heaven. If we want to someday have a job there, we have to start practicing loving, unselfish service down here. To do this, Jesus has to change our hearts. To Be Continued. = ^ .. ^ =



Year 1: 4th Quarter:
"BIBLE PICTURE STORIES"
WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 1: "BIBLE
LADDERS"

For our Bible lessons we are going to use the King James Version of the Bible. Just like the boys and girls used to use to learn to read from in the pioneer days.

There will be some texts to look up for each day and you should practice your memory verse until you can say it without looking. Don't forget to learn the text too.

MEMORY VERSE: “And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.” 2 Peter 1:5-7

Sunday

Text: Genesis 26:10,11 “And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran. And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.”

We have heard the story of how Jacob, led on by his mother, cheated his older brother out of his birthright. When Esau his brother found out, he was angry and swore to kill Jacob. His mother, fearing for her son, had Jacob ask Isaac his father for permission to go to Haran, where his mother’s family lived, to seek for a wife.

Now Jacob knew he had done wrong, and now his own brother wanted to kill him. He felt very bad as he set out on foot, with his staff in his hand to walk the many miles into another country. What was going to happen to him? Would he be killed by robbers or fierce beasts? Would he ever see his family again?

He was sorry for what he had done also as he knew that God can never bless a lie. As he traveled he had to avoid places where people lived, for he feared they would report to his brother, and he would catch him and kill him.

Finally, tired out, he lay down on the ground to sleep, wrapping his coat around him and having nothing but a stone for a pillow. Have you ever tried a stone for a pillow? Not very cozy! He looked up at the starry heaven. If only he could know that God had not forsaken him, but how could God bless a cheat?

Thought - Even though lying and cheating may seem to help at the moment, they always bring sorrow and regret.

Monday

Text: Genesis 28:12 “And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.”

With these thoughts in his mind he had dropped off to sleep. All at once he saw a bright and amazing sight! A shining ladder with its base near him and its top going up and up—all the way to God in heaven. Lovely angels were travelling up and down on that ladder.

At the top he could see a glorious being surrounded by light. He spoke to Jacob and said “I am the LORD God of your father Abraham and Isaac.” God told the lonely young man that the land he was lying on would belong someday to his children and he told him, “and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.”

This was the covenant promise that had come to Abraham! The promise that the Messiah, the promised Seed of the woman, would come through his descendants. Jacob was amazed. How could God be willing to bless him after the wicked things he had done?

God also promised (see verse 15), “And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.”

Hope and courage sprang up in Jacob’s heart as he heard this promise—and also a deep love for God.

Thought - Jesus is always near to His children at the very times they feel the most lonely and sad. The important thing was that Jacob was truly sorry for his sin.

Tuesday

Text: Genesis 28:16, 17 “And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew it not. And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

You will notice that when Jacob woke up, he felt afraid and humbled. We do not see him jump

up and start shouting and clapping and jumping around. When people really see an angel of God, or are shown something by God, they feel great awe. They want to bow down and worship in humble silence. People that are proud and boastful—do not know God.

Jacob was greatly encouraged by the dream, and his heart was given hope. He could see that there was a way of salvation for sinners like himself. In his heart he realized that the shining ladder represented the promised Saviour of the world, providing a link joining earth to the very throne of God.

“That night Jacob, the petted son of his mother, experienced the new birth and became a child of God. In his discouraged state the light that came to him was regarded as most precious, and the hard stone on which his head rested, the most desirable on which his head had ever rested.” 10MR PG- 263

Thought - Only through Jesus becoming our Saviour could there be any hope that sinful man could return to the presence of God. Jesus is that wonderful ladder that reaches from the lowest place that man can fall into—to the very throne of God.

Wednesday

Text: Genesis 28:18-22 “And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it. And he called the name of that place Bethel (that is, The house of God) And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, So that I come again to my father’s house in peace; then shall the LORD be my God: And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God’s house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.”

When morning came, Jacob still thrilled with the wonderful message from God; set up the stone he had slept on as a monument to the goodness of God. He made a vow to serve God always and to honour Him in all things and return a tithe to God.

Jacob was not trying to bargain with God, No! God had already promised to bless him; his heart was filled with love for the God of heaven who would

care about a lonely, castaway like him. He made the promise to serve this wonderful God always and in all ways.

If Jacob had not repented of his sin, God could not have blessed him. But as soon as Jacob had seen the wrong of what he had done and was humble and sorry; God showed him the wonderful ladder, meaning that God had agreed to have Jesus make a bridge for the sinner.

“We might have looked and said, I long for heaven but how can I reach it? I see no way. That is what Jacob thought, and so God shows him the vision of the ladder, and that ladder connects earth with heaven, with Jesus Christ. A man can climb it, for the base rests upon the earth and the topmost round reaches into heaven. . Ye inhabitants of the earth, praise Him! And why? Because through Jesus Christ—whose long human arm encircles the race, while with His divine arm He grasps the throne of the Infinite—the gulf is bridged with His own body, and this atom of a world which was separated from the continent of heaven by sin and became an island is again reinstated, because Christ bridged the gulf” (MS 5, 1891).

All this was revealed to Jacob in his dream. And all of his life, by thinking on what God had showed him, he learned more and more about salvation.

Thought - At the very time when Jacob was most discouraged, God sent him the wonderful message of salvation.

Thursday

Text: 2 Peter 1:5-7 “And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.”

This is called ‘Peter’s Ladder’; but Jesus is the ladder. Jesus lived a perfect life while on this earth, in Him was found all these wonderful traits and He makes them available to us!

“Christ . . . is the ladder. The base is planted firmly on the earth in His humanity; the topmost round reaches to the throne of God in His divinity. The humanity of Christ embraces fallen humanity, while His divinity lays hold upon the throne of God. We are saved by climbing round after round of the ladder, looking to Christ, clinging to Christ, mounting step by step to the height of Christ, so

that He is made unto us wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, and charity are the rounds of this ladder. All these graces are to be manifested in the Christian character; and “if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: for so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.” Maranatha 84

The ladder is the way God can communicate to man. Jacob saw the gospel when he saw that ladder. As the ladder stretched from earth, reaching to the highest heavens, and the glory of God was seen above the ladder, so Jesus in His divine nature reached to heaven and was one with the Father. As the ladder, though its top reached heaven, had its base upon the earth, so Jesus, though He was God, clothed His divinity with humanity and was in the world “found in fashion as a man.” The ladder would be useless if it did not come all the way down to earth or if it did not reach all the way to heaven.

Thought - Some people try to tell us that Jesus did not have the same kind of human flesh that we have- He was special and could not sin. Well, then He could not be our ladder! If the ladder did not reach all the way down to us, we could not be saved.

Friday

Text: 2 Peter 1:10,11 “Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.”

Sometimes when we read texts like these, we say to ourselves, “Well I must try hard and do all these things”. But we can't do them! There is no real good in man's heart at all—without the Saviour. He is the ONLY ladder to heaven. The ONLY way anyone can have these good things in his heart is by turning his life over to Jesus and saying, “There is no good thing in me, Lord, but You lived a perfect life here on earth. I want You to live that perfect life in me. I choose to be like You, and I need You to take away my bad heart and put Your good heart in me. Write your laws in my heart and send Your

Holy Spirit to teach me and give me power to live like You.”

You see, when we try to live a good life without choosing to have Jesus live in our hearts, it is like we try to go to heaven—without the Ladder!

I live in a 3-story building; suppose I said to you, “Go up on the roof because I put something nice for you up there. Go get it.”

You would have no way to get to that roof; you could not climb the sides of the building; you could not jump that high; you would be helpless to get the treat on the roof.

But if I come to you with a nice high ladder, reaching all the way to the roof, and I put it in place, good and solid, then you can climb up on that ladder all the way to the top and get the good things.

You would be silly if you said to me, “Oh, I don't need your ladder; I'll just keep jumping, and if I try hard enough for long enough, I will be able to jump all the way to the top! You watch, each day I will be able to jump just a bit higher, and by and by, I will get to that roof in my own strength. Away with your old ladder!”

Now that is just what people do when they think they can live a good life without surrendering first to Jesus, they can jump a little bit, maybe with practice they can jump a little bit higher; but without the Ladder, they just fall back again.

Thought - Jesus does not only forgive our sins; He can ‘take away’ our sins but we have to choose to let Him do it. The Ladder is there—it goes all the way down to you and reaches all the way up to God. That Ladder is solid and that Ladder is your Saviour! = ^ .. ^ =

