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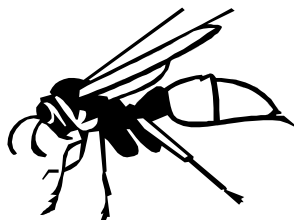
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The Potter Wasp by Mark Stewart

Most mothers in the animal world are, as you would suspect, very solicitous of the future welfare of their offspring. However, it's not everyday that you'll find one who will dangle her progeny in midair a few inches away from certain destruction. But that's exactly what the female potter wasp makes a life-long career of doing. To start the next generation off on the right foot, the mother wasp builds a small urn from mortar where she places several paralyzed caterpillars.



Traditional waspish wisdom would then call ...the potter wasp's strange behavior has to leave evolutionary theory hanging in midair ...

for her to deposit her egg in close proximity to the caterpillars so that her newly hatched larva would have no trouble finding its next meal. But in this case the caterpillars are only partially paralyzed and their constant twitchings and thrashings would pose a serious threat to the larva. So mamma wasp, having plenty of insight into these matters, attaches her egg to the end of a silken thread that dangles from the ceiling of her little mud enclosure. But in solving one problem, the wasp creates another. Suspended in midair above the caterpillars, the larva has no way to safely get to its food supply. Almost, that is.

Again, the potter wasp shows remarkable foresight. (continued on page 3)

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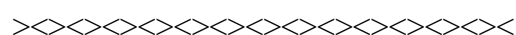
- *May meeting: 15th, Shiloh Baptist Church, Kingston TN*
- *June Meeting: 19th, First Baptist Church, Concord (tentative)*
- *July meeting: 17th, Corryton Baptist Church, Corryton, TN (tentative)*
- *Coming this fall: Danny Faulkner*
- *We have books, videos and tapes for sale! Check out our website for more details: www.etcsa.org/*

WELCOME!

Thank you for reading our first newsletter. This will be used for introducing you to our ministry, announcing our monthly meetings, and to teach you a little bit about God's creation. We will have informative articles on creation each month, and we hope that we never get too technical about anything. We appreciate your input on this newsletter and you should always feel free to write us and tell us what you think.

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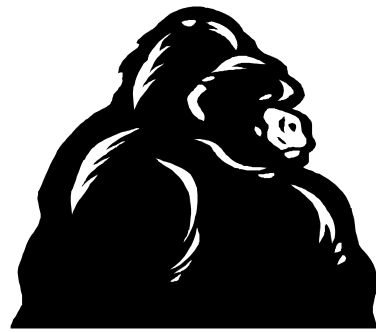
NBC has now put up a detailed website for the "Noah's Ark" miniseries (to air May 2-3) <http://www.nbc.com/tvcentral/mms/noahsark/>

Who Are We? By Bob Zuvich

At times it can get quite embarrassing for the evolutionist, such as when it is discovered later that not only is the fossil bone not of our ancestor, but that it is not even from a human or ape-like creature at all, but another kind of animal! Sure, many have heard of discoveries such as Piltdown man (which, by the way, was practically found in Charles Darwin's own backyard in England!). But how many have ever heard of the other discoveries which turned out to be wrong, a hoax or worse?

These will be explored in future newsletters. But for now, let's look at the characteristics that distinguish men from apes, or any ape-like creature:

NOTE: There are certain characteristics which are distinct between apes and humans.



Is this your ancestor?

HUMANS:

1. LARGE, "VAULTED" Cranium(1,350-1,450 c.c.) Range 1,000-2,000 c.c. *
2. Dental arch(jaw shape) is parabolic, no parallel sides.
3. No canine-incisor tooth gap.
4. Arms shorter than legs.
5. Two Feet, Two Hands
6. Bi-Pedal locomotion is normal.
7. No sagittal crest(bone down the middle, front to back, of skull.
8. Can make fire.
9. Can make tool to make a tool.
10. Man possesses language. All languages devolve and are complex.
11. All people have same ability to learn.(Brain size irrelevant).

* An aboriginal woman was measured at 850 c.c.

APES:

1. Small cranium.(380-450 c.c.)
2. Dental arch is "V" or "U" shaped.
3. "Canine to incisor" tooth gap. Jaws interlock.
4. Arms, legs 100% same length.
5. Four "Hands" (Feet are like hands in structure)
6. Bi-Pedal locomotion is not normal.
7. Sagittal crest.
8. No fire making capabilities.
9. Can make a tool, but not a tool to make a tool.
10. No oral or written language beyond that of simple learned responses.
11. Little capacity to learn new things.

What's New?

Well, this being our first newsletter, our first attempt as a group at this sort of ministry, our first web site and the introduction of our first monthly meeting, then we can say that everything is new!

A transcript of the Horizon program, "Noah's Flood", which Recently aired on BBC television (March 9) can be found at:

<<http://www.bbc.co.uk/horizon/noahtran.shtml>>

Paleoanthropology, Or Monkey Business

But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. -Mark 10:6

The study of human fossils is the most interesting sometimes, not because of what scientists dig up out of the ground, but simply because of what the scientist say about what they dig up. You see, the less bone, the more



story is needed to fill in all of those nasty, little gaps. For this and other reasons, scientists, believe it or not, no longer believe we are descended from apes, but that both humans and apes are descended from some other ape-like creature. By the way, the word c-r-e-a-t-u-r-e means it was c-r-e-a-t-e-d. We knew that!

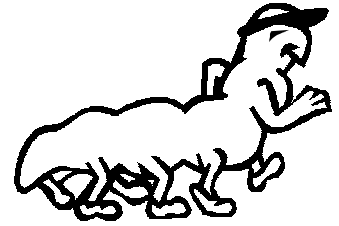
The Potter Wasp (continued)

At first the small wasp larva can only sally down its silken steps and take a few tentative bites out of its wriggling hosts. But after a few days it has grown to the point where it can abandon the safety of its perch, dispatch its victim, and spend the rest of its larval days blissfully munching on the remains of the carcasses.

According to conventional evolutionary litany, the potter wasp should probably have solved the problem simply by fully paralyzing the caterpillars. After all, other wasps do this. Why not the potter? Why go to all this trouble for a single wasp egg? And how does a wasp somehow come up with unwinding eggshells that turn into spiral staircases - along with an

"understanding" of how to suspend them? Certainly the potter wasp's strange behavior has to leave evolutionary theory hanging in midair along with its offspring. And maybe it's trying to tell us something about a Creator who obviously has a lot of architectural expertise along with a pretty ingenious imagination.

Mark Stewart



...the caterpillars are only partially paralyzed...

DEVOTIONAL THE LAST ADAM By Henry M. Morris

"And so it is written, the first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit" (I Corinthians 15:45). In the great "resurrection chapter," Paul is quoting from Genesis 2:7: "...and man became a living soul." He also makes it clear that, contrary to the opinion of many liberal theologians, "Adam" was not merely a generic term for humanity in general, specifically indicating that Adam was "the first man." This also refutes the notion that there were any "pre-Adamite men," despite the claims of some who would compromise with evolutionary anthropology. Just as there was a first Adam, so Jesus Christ was the last Adam. He was not the last man to be born, of course, but He was the second and last man whose body would be directly formed by God, as asserted in the same verse (Genesis 2:7) here cited by Paul. "That holy thing" (Luke 1:35) which Mary received in her womb, was conceived altogether miraculously. "Wherefore when He cometh

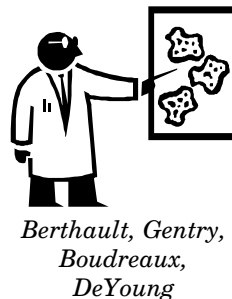
into the world, He saith . . . a body hast thou prepared me" (Hebrews 10:5).

"The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man is the Lord from heaven" (I Corinthians 15:47). Thus, with neither genetic mutations nor inherent sin in His perfect human body, this last Adam could become "the Lamb of God," whose body was "without blemish and without spot," able therefore to redeem lost men with His "precious blood," and thus to take "away the sin of the world" (I Peter 1:19; John 1:29). But that is not all. He was also "made a quickening [that is, resurrecting] Spirit." He was "put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit" (I Peter 3:18) and can now give eternal life to all who receive His life. "For as the Father raiseth up the dead . . . even so the Son quickeneth whom He will" (John 5:21). Henry M Morris

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Creation Conferences and Presentations

On Saturday, May 8 an All day **CREATION CONFERENCE** at Ohio State University Fawcett Center. In person hear: Dr. Guy Berthault, Dr. Robert Gentry, Dr. Edward Boudreaux, and other Creation scientists. Hear them discuss their latest research and how it supports young earth Creationism. Call (614) 263-8613 for further information. You



Berthault, Gentry,
Boudreaux,
DeYoung

shouldn't miss this! Sponsored by The Creation Research Science Education Foundation.

Dr. Donald DeYoung will have a Genesis Presentation on May 1 and 2 in Washington Court House, Ohio at the Grace Community Baptist Church. For more information call (740) 335-7466 Ask for Mark McFadden.

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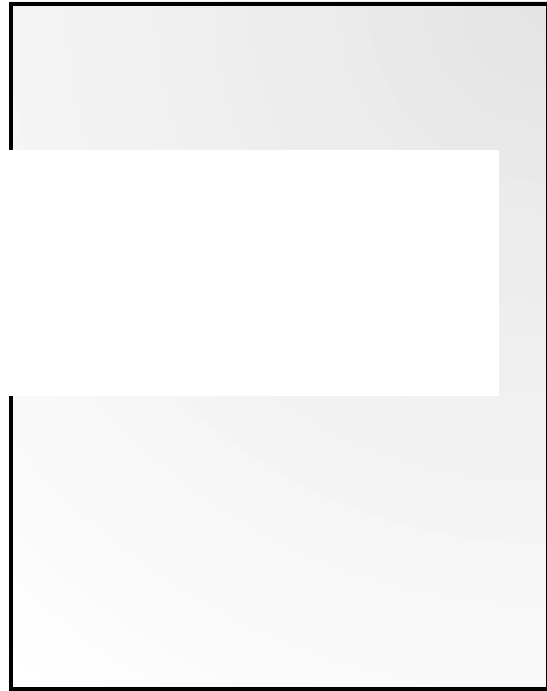
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Letter From The President

Greetings members,

I want to thank each one of you for being a part of our Lord's Association. We have embarked on a spiritual battle that we cannot lose. Although it may appear we are in the minority position, (with our belief in a literal Creation in six, 24 hour days, a few thousand years ago), with the Lord on our side we are actually the majority.

Through much prayer and guidance from the Lord, we have come together to form the “East Tennessee Creation Science Association”. It's purpose is to be ready to give anyone who asks us or denies that God is Creator an answer with meekness and fear, and to further keep the members and the community apprised of the ongoing research and discoveries of God's creation.

Our Lord and Saviour has told us that there is enough evidence in this world that He is the Creator so that, if we do not believe, we are without excuse. (Rom 1:20) Therefore,

what I read in God's word should agree with what I see in God's world, and it does. Please keep our Association in your prayers as to the direction our Creator would lead us, to give Him the most glory in all we do.

"Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created."

-Revelation 4:11 (KJB)

In the Creators Service
Kent Settlemyer

