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A New Coelacanth Species BY NICK NUTTALL, Environment Correspondent

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A NEW species of fish from the days of the dinosaurs has been discovered in a cart in an Indonesian fish market. Genetic tests have revealed that the stubby-finned creature is a member of the coelacanth family, which was once thought to have died out 70 million years ago. It brings to two the number of species of coelacanths now known to have survived. Only freshwater lungfish have similarly survived almost unchanged for 400 million years. In 1938, when scientists off the Comoros Islands near South Africa discovered a "living fossil", researchers believed the relic population of coelacanths to be unique. It was thought that the fish from a bygone age had

clung on in the subterranean caves around the Comoros because of special geological circumstances. But the new discovery made in the Celebes Sea near to the Indonesian island of Menado Tua indicates that "fossil fish" may be more widespread than had been supposed. Laurent Pouyaud, of the French Government's Institut de Recherche pour le Développement, said yesterday: "We have not only found a new population of coelacanths but a new species." From speaking to fishermen, who, it seems, occasionally catch the fish and sell them for food, it appears that the population around Indonesia could be large and healthy. The one in the Comoros is considered to be no bigger than 500 and highly vulnerable to overfishing and inbreeding.

Japanese dealers have been paying Como-

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Special points of interest:

- July Meeting: 17th, Corryton Baptist Church @ 6:00 in the Hospitality Room
- August Meeting: 21st, First Baptist Concord @ 6:00 room 721
- Coming this fall: Danny Faulkner and Robert Gentry
- We have books, videos and tapes for sale! Check out our website for more details: www.etcса.org/

DEVOTIONAL THE GREAT DIVIDER

"Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division" (Luke 12:51). From the very beginning, God has been a great divider. On the first day of creation, "God divided the light from the darkness"; on the second day He "divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament" (Genesis 1:4,7). When God first

created man, they walked together in sweet fellowship, but then sin came in and made a great division between man and God. Nevertheless, "when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son" (Romans 5:10). The price has been paid for full reconciliation with our Creator, but "men loved darkness rather than light,

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OUR FOUNDING FATHERS

Have you ever wondered what happened to those men who signed the Declaration of Independence?

Five signers were captured by the British as traitors and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons in the Revolutionary Army, another had two sons captured. Nine of the fifty-six fought and died from wounds or the hardship of the Revolutionary War.

What kind of men were they? Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners, all men of means, well educated. But they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.

They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

Carter Braxton of Virginia, wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships sink from the sea by the British navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags.

Thomas McKeam, was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward.

Vandals or soldiers or both, looted the properties of Ellery, Clymer, Hal Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge and Middleton.

At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson, Jr. noted that the British Gen Cornwallis, had taken over the Nelson

home for his headquarters. The owner quietly urged General George Washington to open fire, which was done. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt. Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and soon after she died.

John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his grist mill were laid waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home after the war to find his wife dead, his children vanished. A few weeks later he died from exhaustion and a broken heart. Morris and Livingston suffered similar fates.

Such were the stories and sacrifices of the American Revolution. These were not wild-eyed, rabble-rousing ruffians. There were soft-spoken men means and education. They had security, but they valued liberty more.

Standing tall, straight, and unwavering, they pledged: For the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of the Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortune and our sacred honor." They gave us an Independent America. Can we keep it?

Author Unknown



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QUOTES

"If we will not be governed by God, then we will be ruled by tyrants." William Penn

"The Bible is the cornerstone of liberty...I have always said, I always will say, that the studious perusal of the sacred volume will make better citizens, better fathers, and better husbands." Thomas Jefferson

"So great is my veneration for the Bible that the earlier my children begin to read it, the more confident will be my hope that they will prove useful citizens of their country and respectable members of society." John Adams

Hold fast to the Bible as the sheet-anchor of your liberties; write its precepts in your hearts, and practice them in your lives. To the influence of this book we are indebted for all the progress made in true civilization, and to this we must look as our guide in the future. 'Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people'." Ulysses Simpson Grant

"The only foundation for a useful education in a republic is to be laid in religion. Without this there can be no virtue, and

without virtue there can be no liberty, and liberty is the object and life of all republican governments. Without religion, I believe that learning does real mischief to the morals and principles of mankind." Benjamin Rush, signer of the Declaration of Independence

"That Book (the Bible) is the rock on which our Republic rests." Andrew Jackson

"The Bible, when not read in schools, is seldom read in any subsequent period of life." Benjamin Rush, signer of the Declaration of Independence

"I speak as a man of the world to men of the world; and I say to you, Search the Scriptures! The Bible is the book of all others, to be read at all ages, and in all conditions of human life; not to be read once or twice or thrice through, and then laid aside, but to be read in small portions of one or two chapters every day, and never to be intermitted, unless by some overruling necessity." John Quincy Adams

THE CLOWN ANEMONE FISH

The Clown Anemone Fish (*Amphiprion percula*) is one of the dozen or so species of anemone fishes living in both Atlantic and Pacific oceans. In the ocean wilds, these fish live commonly in close relationship with certain sea anemones, whose tentacles have explosive stinging cells capable of capturing and killing most fish coming in contact. Yet, the clownfish is immune to these poisonous tentacles. It lives comfortably in its own "feathery bed" of anemone tentacles - without harm. To aid the anemone, the clownfish brings bits of food home to actually feed the anemone. Evolution fails to explain these examples of symbiosis - two totally separate species living together for mutual benefit. Studies have shown that the various species of anemone fishes have protective mucous coatings which prevent the anemone from discharging

its lethal stinging cells.

Both clownfish and anemone live quite well without the other. Many species live separately in the oceans today. Yet each does benefit from the other's help. (The anemone protects the clownfish and it brings food to the anemone).

They could never have evolved to this state of mutualism, since it is not necessary for their existence!

Mark Stewart

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FUNNIES

"I had a linguistics professor who said that it's man's ability to use language that makes him the dominant species on the planet. That may be. But I think there's one other thing that separates us from animals. We aren't afraid of vacuum cleaners." --Jeff Stilson

I have two sons, ages 8 & 4, and they were discussing Adam and Eve. The 8-year-old asked: "How did Adam and Eve die?" And the 4-year-old said: "They ate bad fruit." —Source Unknown

Why is it that when we talk to God we're said to be praying, but when God talks to us we're schizophrenic? --Lily Tomlin

Can atheists get insurance for acts of God?

They have Dial-a-Prayer for atheists now.

When you call it rings and rings but nobody answers

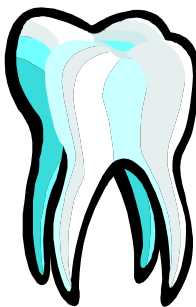
One day the zoo-keeper noticed that the orang-utang was reading two books — the Bible and Darwin's Origin of Species. In surprise he asked the ape, "Why are you reading both those books?" "Well," said the orang-utang, "I just wanted to know if I was my brother's keeper or my keeper's brother."

Scientists have shown that the moon is moving away at a tiny, although measurable distance from the earth every year. If you do the math, you can calculate that 85 million years ago the moon was orbiting the earth at a distance of about 35 feet from the earth's surface. This would explain the death of the dinosaurs. The tallest ones, anyway.

CUTTING EDGE TEETH

We used to be told that modern humans didn't exist until about 10,000 years ago. That's not very long, to an evolutionist. We keep seeing more and more evidence that people have been people all along.

In the 3/30/99 proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, a team led from the National Museum of Madrid says that they've found the 800,000 year-old fossils of some ancient teenagers. These fossils show that some of the teeth didn't emerge until pretty late



in life, like with modern humans. Scientists used to think this was only true for modern *Homo sapiens*. The same fossils also had brain sizes almost as big as ours. Neanderthals (supposedly living 135K-30Kya), also showed this late-maturing pattern.

You know what? These could be the bones of real people, and not ape-people. You know what? Maybe ape-people never really existed. Hmm. As usual, these new fossils only have a few pieces of the skull and a few teeth. Think about that. Sam Fox

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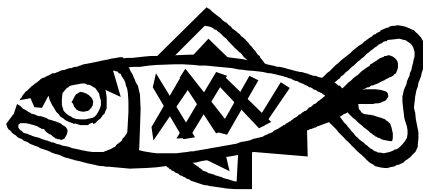


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ros fishermen to hunt for coelacanths after forming the idea that a fish that has cheated extinction must hold clues to everlasting life. Spinal fluid from a coelacanth reputedly sells for thousands of pounds for a teaspoonful. Dr Pouy-aud suspected that tests on Indonesian coelacanths would show that the population was bigger and more genetically diverse, making it less vulnerable. The species off the Comoros has been called *Latimeria chalumnae*, and the one found off Indonesia *Latimeria menadoensis*. It was discovered when Mark Erdmann, a marine biologist from the University of California, Berkeley, was on honeymoon and his wife noticed an odd-looking fish being taken to market in the town of Manado.



“Second 'living fossil' found on
fish cart.”

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because their deeds were evil” (John 3:19), so Christ Himself is now the One who divides. “He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him” (John 3:36). Jesus Christ divides all history and all chronology. Things either happened “Before Christ” (B.C.) or “in the Year of our Lord” (A.D.). Men are either under the Old Covenant or the New Covenant. Most of all, He divides humanity. “There was a division among the people because of Him” (John 7:43; see also John 9:16; 10:19). These divisions because of Him can cut very deep. “The father shall be divided against the son, and the son against the father; the mother against the daughter, and the daughter against the mother” (Luke 12:53).

Finally, when He comes to judge all nations, “He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: . . . and these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal” (Matthew 25:32,46). The division is life or death, light or darkness, heaven or hell, Christ or antichrist—and the choice is ours!
Henry M Morris