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"It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in men" Psalm 118:8

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Encyclopedia Britannica

Facts or Thinly Disguised Propaganda?

by Tom Willis

Occasionally I resort to one of our several encyclopedias when I want an overview of a subject. I have noticed a pattern, especially in their animal articles. Recently I was interested in a few facts about salmon. Britannica tells us:

❖ Salmon are in the Order Salmoniformes, composed of a group of 37 families, an unspecified and apparently unknown number of genera and 1000 species, which even include the ones you know about, like the Pacific, Atlantic and Coho salmon, some you wouldn't guess, like pike and trout, and some you've never heard of, including ones scientists have only seen in pickle jars.

[In case your zoology is rusty, "Order" and "Species" are terms in an effort devised by Linnaeus to "classify" all life. He felt he should be able to identify the created kinds, and that, since God "is a God of order," he organized all creatures in orderly hierarchies. Disciples of this idea thus require that, when God created a whale, He had to be thinking "mammal" rather than "I think I'll build a marine creature (or fish) and use some structures like I used in dogs." Evolutionists perverted Linnaeus' intent for classification (also systematics, taxonomy). Rather than seeking the created kinds taxonomy is now an endless game of drawing inverted trees vainly attempting to relate all life forms back to a single cell. Twenty different definitions of "Species" are now used, mostly to help taxonomists get articles in science journals. And now... Back to Britannica:

❖ Salmoniformes evolved about 100,000,000 years ago and are now believed to be important to fish evolution.

❖ The old classification [done by very few men], has been discarded in favor of a new one [done by very few men]. This new "classification is provisional and may be subject to extensive changes." Furthermore, Salmoniformes are **not** even a "definitive taxonomic category but rather an assemblage of diverse fishes possessing several primitive anatomical features representative of a early stage in the evolution of modern bony fishes." [In other words, "The 'Order' is meaningless."]

❖ Trouts, salmons, chars, whitefishes... "Are the most widely know, [for their] famed sporting qualities, excellent taste and economic importance." [thus began and ended the information that might be of interest or value to a human being].

❖ Salmoniformes vary in almost every characteristic. Some lay very small eggs, some very large [generalizations, few facts]. Some migrate, some don't. Some are fresh water, some salt, some both. Some live in shallow water, some in mid-depth, some in deep. We don't know **anything** about the deep ones. Mature size ranges from one inch to 7 feet and 110 pounds.

❖ Some have enormous dagger-like teeth, some have no backbone near the head. Some have soft, flaccid, or gelatin-like, bodies enabling them to swallow fish as large as themselves. Fin location varies from close to the head to almost part of the tail.

There is no definitive characteristic that can distinguish them from other fishes!

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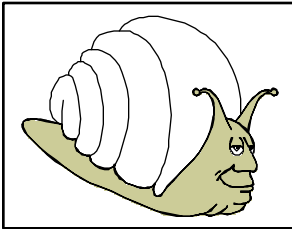
❖ Some stay within 300 feet of their birth, others have awesome homing behavior, believed to utilize magnetic or celestial navigation and smell, migrating over a 1000 miles. Some jump 10 foot high walls. Varieties spawn differently: in their river of birth, in tidal flats, in ponds, in the ocean. Some return to the ocean immediately after hatching, others stay a few years. Some change colors in the ocean. Some spawn once, then die. Others more than once. Many "we" don't know much about. Some eggs are buried in gravel, some sink, some have neutral buoyancy (remaining at a certain depth), many "we've" never seen their eggs. Some hatch and stake out a territory, some form schools. Some hatch ready to eat their neighbor, some eat algae, some eat plankton like a whale. Some aren't even fish, but metamorphose to fish.

❖ Body plan, digestive system, eating habits, mating and spawning behavior include "drastic departures" from others. Some are luminous, with "elaborate and highly complex light-producing systems." Some, their whole body glows. Some "emit a display resembling a shower of sparks." Some have eyes that protrude on tubes and have dual retinas. Some have binocular vision. Some have "lenses, reflectors, and eyelid like shades." Many amazing attributes have unknown purpose.

The article followed the pattern I've noticed in other animal articles. It was 90% on classification and evolution of salmoniformes. Virtually no method was defined for classification, and he, as quoted above, even said the classification was suspect (which is true of all classification). The words "evolution, development, selection," etc. are used loosely and frequently. They always announce who the critter's ancestors were, and exactly how many millions of years ago it evolved into existence, then often admit that the origin of the order, class, family, and genus is in question, though "it is certain" it evolved from some primitive representative of the group. **Never do they cite any evidence for evolution, and typically even admit that there is no evidence for evolution!**

Like the news media, the brief factual data you are seeking is seldom, if ever there, probably because the author wastes so many precious column inches trying to convince you he is saying something meaningful about his religion.

Completely lost on the authors in these charades, is the tremendous wealth of data they manage to reveal that screams, **"CREATION: Evolution cannot possibly be the true explanation."** While wading through all his homage to "nature," I couldn't help but exclaim with David, **"I will praise thee, for, like myself, Salmoniformes are fearfully and wonderfully made,"** and demonstrate again that, as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are God's ways and thoughts higher than ours. (Psalm 139:14 and Isaiah 55:9).



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Astronomy Safari

March 23, 2001 7:15PM ~ 9:15PM

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KC Fossil Hunt

March 24, 2001 12:30 - 5:00 PM

All ages enjoy these outings and learn much.

Astronomy Safari

April 20, 2001 8:00 ~ 10:00PM

Note: See March 23 Astronomy Safari for more details.

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April 21-22, 2001

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May 25 - 28 (Memorial Day Weekend), 2001

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June 22 -24, 2001

Camp, canoe and swim in the beautiful Missouri Ozarks. Learn the truth about river and canyon formation; what purifies our atmosphere; and the awesome "evidence for God's eternal power and deity" [Rom 1:20].

Astronomy Safari

July 20, 2001 8:30 ~ 10:30PM

Note: See March 23 Astronomy Safari for more details.

KU Natural History Museum

July 21, 2001 9:00AM - 4:00PM.

This may be your only chance to hear God's side of the story at a Natural History Museum.

Fossils and Geology of Kansas City

August 18, 2001 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Fossil hunt and explore the interesting geology of Kansas City. All ages have a great time on this safari.

Astronomy Safari

August 17, 2001 8:00 ~ 10:00 PM

Note: See March 10 Astronomy Safari for more details.

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Astronomy Safari

September 14, 2001 7:25 - 9:15PM

Note: See March 23 Astronomy Safari for more details.

Astronomy Safari

October 12, 2001 7:15 - 9:15PM

Note: See March 10 Astronomy Safari for more details.

KATY Bike Trail

October 27, 2001 9:00AM ~ 6:00PM

Bicycle trip along the beautiful Missouri River bluffs near Boonville, MO. Fall colors, explore the cause and age of the Missouri River and its bluffs.

Astronomy Safari

November 16, 2001 7:15 - 9:15PM

Note: See March 10 Astronomy Safari for more details.

Squaw Creek Refuge

November 24, 2001 9:00AM - 5:00PM

500,000 geese and ducks, hundreds of deer, bald eagles, mountain climbing, fossil hunt, Loess soil and more. Fascinating seminar on Gods marvels, including migration.

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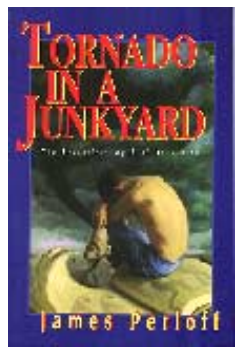
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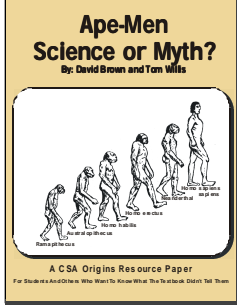
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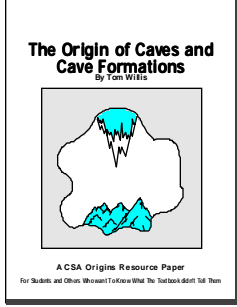
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CSA Meeting - Tuesday, Mar 6, 2001

The Basic Institute in Creation Science

**Radiometric Dating
Does This Clock Work?**

by: Mark Matthews

Claims that "Geology" had provided proof of an old earth abounded for at least 60 years before Darwin published. Darwin attributed **all** his *scientific merit* to Lyell, the leading old-earth hawker of the day. We will devote these two meetings to examining contemporary age claims from geology.

Many methods are used to *date* the earth, the vast majority of which indicate that the earth is young. One family of methods, seems to indicate that the earth is old -- "radiometric dating."

Before you base your life on the idea that these methods "refute" the Bible, it would be wise to learn whether you can rely on them. We'll look at the basics of radiometric dating leading us to an answer to the question: "How good is this clock?" Mark has a degree in nuclear engineering.

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CSA Meeting - Tuesday, April 3, 2001

The Basic Institute in Creation Science

The Real Age of the Earth

by: Glenn Kailer

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