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

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Another Great Proof of Evolution

Feathered Dinosaurs Again... and Again

By Tom Willis



During the past week, stories of the latest Chinese "feathered dinosaur" have been featured on, or near, the front page of virtually every news agency in the world, most hailing it as solid evidence for evolution of birds from dinosaurs, albeit a bit more cautiously after being burned so often. We are breaking our tradition of remaining quiet on new discoveries (until the air clears and more facts are available) to give comfort to those likely to be confused, but mainly because it is a true *teachable moment*, a time when many will be interested, and some will learn. Space forces us to be brief, but, to the thoughtful it will be enough.

Only months ago National Geographic featured another purchased Chinese "fossil" on the cover, heralded it as "proof," then printed a modest retraction when it was proven a fake.

A couple years earlier I took dozens of close-up photos of "feathered dinosaur fossils," (yep, from China, same site) exhibited at the Carnegie Museum in Pittsburgh, accompanied by enormous signs emblazoned with the word "**Proof!**" Neither with my eye a couple feet from the "fossils", nor with the telephoto lens could I see any feathers, except, of course, on the "reconstructions".

The new fossil, dubbed *Microraptor gui*, has four limbs, apparently **all** with flight feathers several inches long! "Gliding tree-dweller" evolutionists are jumping with glee, arguing the creature could not function on the ground, so must have evolved from tree-dwellers. Birds function on the ground **and** tree, getting their flight feathers out of the way by folding their wings. Try functioning anywhere with **all four limbs folded!**



Most of the world's paleontologists will never see the original fossil. It will remain in a vault, like your ancestor Lucy, where only the high priests will worship it directly. Therefore facts today, and forever will be few. It has been proven that the fossil "copies" that the rest of us see are often poor and willfully distorted, and the published descriptions will perversely reflect the beliefs of the "scientist." But, even with the scant information now available, a wise man would at least suspect fraud, though none seem to. It seems improbable the creature could function, and the "feathers" are all highlighted and displayed in a way that seems to indicate extensive tampering.

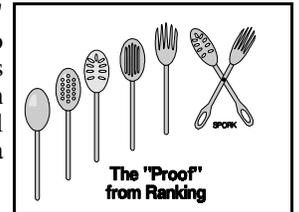
But, **fraud is not even a small part of my assessment!** I may never know the validity of the fossil, yet, if genuine, it does not support the claims made for it. My considered assertion remains the same for at least 15 years: **Lining up creatures, e.g., a dinosaur, an "intermediate", and a bird (The Proof from Ranking), does not provide evidence for evolution!**



Be There or Be Square!

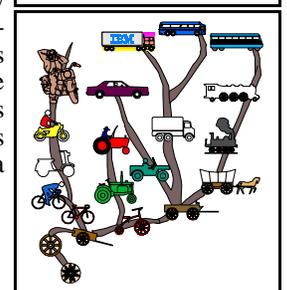
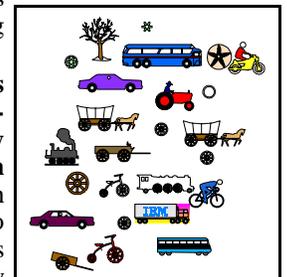
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Why? The creator we have studied with nearly infinite observations, man, always seems to create a broad spectrum of similar objects. Anyone with imagination can line them up to show apparent directional change (rank them)! I have been collecting spoons for years. In my lectures, I routinely "prove by ranking" they evolved into forks! You can do it too. Evolving things in the mind is fun, and produces lots of laughs. In practice, it is more fun to use real spoons and forks, but, when in a hurry, like evolutionists, I use fakes errrr... reconstructions.



I want you to fully grasp that with this "proof method" anyone can use any set of objects **known to be created, yet "prove" they evolved!** Take the first assortment of objects below. Arrange them as in the second, draw in your evolutionary tree and, presto, you have proven wheeled vehicles evolved from sand dollars. Do not distract yourself with irrelevant facts like "In the history of science, nothing as complicated as a spoon, wheel or thumb has ever formed by random processes." You are now a "true scientist". You are set for a lifetime of government income, deceiving students and arguing with fellow evolutionists about the arrangement of the limbs on your trees. Your ample spare time can be spent screaming at "ignorant, Bible-thumping, fundamentalist morons who insist that all these objects were created, when all real scientists say they evolved," and that, "Science says the first spoon and sand dollar sprang spontaneously from an ancient soup."

Be not deceived, "**ranking**" provides **evidence only that the ranker believes evolution and/or desperately wants his audience to join him in his bizarre faith!** Creatures with "reptilian features" and feathers are no more proof of evolution than spoons with holes. Oh, by the way, many spoons have holes or slots, all tricycles and cars have wheels; all birds have scales; all apes and men have hair; but spoons and forks, tricycles and cars, dinosaurs and birds, apes and man were all created. And that's a fact!





CSA Family Creation Safari's for 2003

CSA Family Creation Safaris, a ministry of the Creation Science Association for Mid-America, are family recreational outings with educational sessions designed to help families learn the truth about creation and evolution, and origins importance to individuals, nations and the Church.

Kansas Fossils and Coal, and the Genesis Flood

March 22 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

All ages enjoy finding and taking home fossils. We will hunt at several sites and visit the largest fossil beds in Kansas - Pittsburg Coal. We'll also board Big Brutus, the second largest electric shovel in the world.

Astronomy Safari - March 28 7:15 - 9:15

Note: Astronomy Safaris are held at The Berry Patch, 22509 State Line Road. A map is in the Safari Detail Booklet (see below). Each Astronomy Safari consists of an inspiring slide seminar followed by a tour of the heavens using tracking telescopes and binoculars. For more info, get Safari Detail Booklet (see below).

Ha Ha Tonka, Lake of the Ozarks

April 11-13 - Weekend at the Lake of the Ozarks

See more interesting geology and botany in less space than anywhere in North America. Visit World Famous *Karst Topography*: caves, sinkholes, natural bridges, underground rivers and springs. A tremendous weekend.

Astronomy Safari - April 25 8:00 ~ 10:00PM

Note: See March 28 Astronomy Safari for more details.

Kansas Chalk Formations, Museum and Fossil Beds

May 23 - 26 Memorial Day Weekend in Western Ks.

One of the most famous chalk and fossil beds in the world. Visit Wildcat Canyon, site of the famous fossil "fish in a fish", volcanic ash beds, and museum. Dig and bring home all the fossils you can carry. All ages love this outing.

Astronomy Safari - May 30 8:30 ~ 10:30PM

Note: See March 28 Astronomy Safari for more details.

Ozark Stream Float Trip

June 20 -22 - Elk River, Noel, Missouri

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 - June 28 8:30 ~ 10:30PM

Note: See March 28 Astronomy Safari for more details.

KU Natural History Museum

July 19 9:00AM - 4:00PM.

Fossil hunt and a truly rare experience, God's side of the story at a Natural History Museum.

Astronomy Safari - July 26 - 8:30 ~ 10:30PM

Note: See March 28 Astronomy Safari for more details.

Fossils and Geology of Kansas City

August 16 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Fossil hunting and exploring the interesting geology of Kansas City. All the fossils you care to carry.

Astronomy Safari - Aug 29 8:30 ~ 10:30PM

Note: See March 28 Astronomy Safari for more details.

Southeast Missouri / Johnson Shut-ins

Aug 29 - Sept 1 (Labor Day Weekend) Our most popular safari with all ages. Visit, swim and play in some of the world's most interesting geologic formations. Visit Johnson's Shut-ins, Taum Sauk Mountain, Elephant Rocks, and one of the most beautiful caves in the United States.

Astronomy Safari - September 26 - 7:15 ~ 9:15PM

Note: See March 28 Astronomy Safari for more details.

KATY Bike Trail

October 18 - 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 valley.

Astronomy Safari - October 24 7:00 ~ 9:00PM

Note: See March 28 Astronomy Safari for more details.

Squaw Creek Refuge

December 6 - 9:00AM - 4:00PM

Thousands of geese and ducks, hundreds of deer and bald eagles, hiking, fossil hunt, Loess soil and fascinating seminars on Geology and God's Marvels, including migration.

CSA Family Creation Safaris Detail Booklet

The schedule above gives only an outline of dates and events. To seriously consider participating in a Creation Safari, obtain a copy of the booklet entitled:

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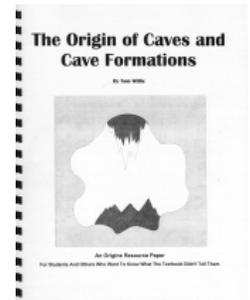
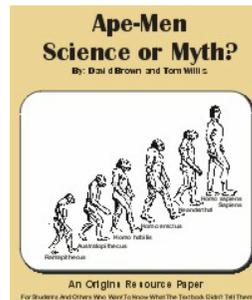
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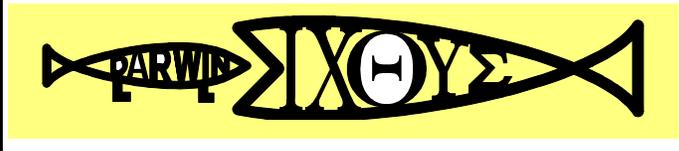
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CSA Meeting - Tuesday, Mar 4, 2003

**Bristlecone Pines
Are They Really that Old?**

by Mark Matthews

Only after many years of acceptance of Peppered Moth experiments as true, with only the conclusions debated, did someone question, and prove, that Peppered Moths never land on tree trunks. Likewise, nearly everybody believes there are 4000+ year old Bristlecone Pines. Not Mark Matthews, an environmental engineer with a degree in Nuclear Engineering. He has devoted extensive effort studying tree-growth research in general, and Bristlecone in particular. He believes there are compelling reasons to at least suspect that the oldest Bristlecone pine may be less than a thousand years old. Since many researchers use Bristlecone Pine "ages" to calibrate Carbon Dating, the implications of his theory are interesting and broad.

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CSA Meeting - Tuesday, April 1, 2003

**Feathered Dinosaurs
Fraud, Deception, or Science?**

by Tom Willis

First it was big news, now it is a monthly affair, another new "feathered dinosaur!" Have dinosaurs been found with feathers? Are the feathers real? Are they fraud? What does the label "Feathered Dinosaur" mean? Is the latest "discovery" **"a nightmare for the Creationists to adapt to"** as claimed by Alec Ritchie of the Australian Museum? What do these discoveries tell us about the origin of birds?

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"This must be a nightmare for the Creationists to adapt to," Ritchie added. "Scientists couldn't ask for a better range of characters to illustrate how amazingly adaptable the dinosaur clan was at trying out all sorts of things."

Alec Ritchie, Australian Museum

Regarding Microraptor gui, in ABC Science Online, 1/24/2003. And you thought they ignore creationists. See how much of a "nightmare" it is for us poor fellows in "Feathered dinosaurs Again... and Again," this issue.

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