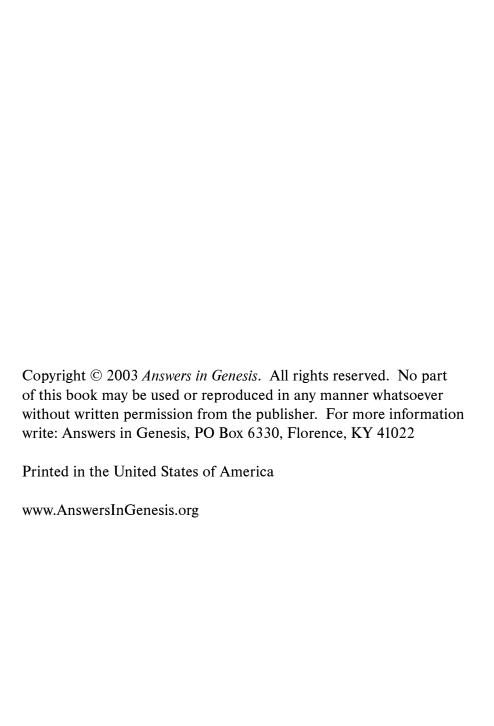
# What Is the Best' Best' Evidence That God Created?

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'The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork.' —Psalm 19:1



During this talk we will discuss many amazing aspects of God's Creation. Your job is to decide which is the 'best' evidence!

Let's go!

## Weta



#### **Questions**

- 1. What country does the giant weta live in?
- 2. How many species of the weta are there?
- 3. List 3 amazing facts about the weta.
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.

- ➤ The weta is the heaviest insect alive today, weighing as much as a small bird (71 g)
- ➤ It is considered a 'living fossil,' also nicknamed the 'dinosaur insect' because evolutionists claim that some fossils of the weta are 180 million years old. (Of course, this date is wrong!)
- ➤ The weta is very difficult to kill.

  Sir Walter Buller tried to kill some weta to add to his insect collection, but this turned out to be much

more difficult than he thought. He tried drowning one, but it didn't die after four days underwater. He put another one in hot water, but that didn't work either. This is one tough bug!

- One species of weta actually has 'tusks' like an elephant.
- ➤ The Weta is named after 'Wetapunga,' the god of bad looks. (Poor guy!)

4. Is the weta the 'best' evidence that God created?



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# **Moloch Horridus**

(Thorny Devil, Horned Devil)



#### **Questions**

- 1. Where is the *Moloch* found?
- 2. How big will the *Moloch* grow?
- 3. What is the *Moloch*'s main defense mechanism? Are there others?
- 4. What is the major purpose for the *Moloch*'s 'thorns'?

- ➤ The thorny devil's diet consists mainly of ants.

  Their favorite type is a small black ant of the genus Iridomyremex.
- ➤ Using their sticky tongue, the *Moloch* can only eat one ant at a time. Amazingly, though, they can eat 30-34 ants per minute and a total of 5,000 ants at one meal!
- ➤ The horned devil is a movie star.

  They were used in many early dinosaur films on small sets to make them look huge.

  The truth is that they are really

quite small—only 6-8 inches long and not violent at all.

➤ The Moloch
Horridus is said to
be named after a
poem by Milton.
Moloch, after the
Canaanite god
that required
the sacrifice of
children. Horridus,
meaning rough or
bristly.

- 5. List three amazing characteristics about the *Moloch*.
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
- 6. Is the *Moloch* the 'best' evidence that God created?



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# Australian Brush Turkey

#### (Thermometer Bird, Mallee Fowl)



#### **Questions**

- 1. List three characteristics that make the brush turkey wonderful evidence for Creation.
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
- 2. How big can the nest of the brush turkey be?

- ➤ The brush turkey is just one of three megapodes living in Australia.
- Megapode means 'big feet'!
- ➤ Scientist call the brush turkey 'superprecocial'! In other words, when the chicks hatch, they leave the nest and never have support from their parents.
- ➤ Some scientists
  believe the Mallee
  fowl might be
  able to forecast
  the weather. They
  have been seen
  to make changes
  to their nest some
  time before the
  weather changes.

- 3. List two characteristics that make the brush turkey's egg special?
  - a.
  - b.
- 4. Is the brush turkey the 'best' evidence that God created?



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# Giraffe



#### **Questions**

- 1. How long can the giraffe go without having to drink water?
- 2. What does the word 'giraffe' mean?
- 3. List five characteristics that make the giraffe wonderful evidence for Creation.
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  - d.
  - e.

- A giraffe's respiration rate is 1/3 that of man's.
- ➤ A giraffe has 32 teeth, just like humans. They don't have top front teeth though—like some hockey players!
- ➤ Which is worse: a giraffe with a sore throat, or a centipede with sore feet?
- ➤ Giraffes have the highest known blood pressure of any mammal. It is more than twice that of man's.

- 4. How many neck bones does a giraffe have? Why is this important?
- 5. What is the 'wonder net' and why is it important to the giraffe?
- 6. Is the giraffe the best evidence that God created?



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# **Emperor Penguin**



#### **Questions**

- 1. Where does the emperor penguin live?
- 2. Can the emperor penguin fly?
- 3. List five characteristics that make the emperor penguin wonderful evidence for Creation.
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  - d.
  - e.

- ➤ There are reports of penguins diving to a depth of more than 1,750 feet. They have also been observed to stay underwater for up to 18 minutes.
- The male penguin will fast for up to 115 days while taking care of the young.
- ➤ Most penguin species will lay two eggs. But because the emperor penguin can't take care of two eggs, they lay only one.
- ➤ Emperor penguin parents have to travel up to

from the ocean to the breeding grounds. They do this by waddling or sliding on their bellies! (How'd you like to slide that far on your stomach?)

- There are 17 species of penguin.
- ➤ The emperor is the largest living penguin species.

- 4. How cold does it get where the emperor penguin lives?
- 5. Is the emperor penguin the best evidence that God created?



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# **Mimic Octopus**



#### **Questions**

- 1. What makes the mimic octopus so unique?
- 2. Why doesn't the mimic octopus mimic coral and sea fans, like other types of octopus?
- 3. Name five animals that the mimic octopus can mimic?
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  - d.
  - e.

- ➤ Some scientists believe the mimic octopus can mimic up to 17 different animals.
- ➤ The mimic octopus was 'discovered' within the last 25 years. There's still not much known about this species.
- The mimic octopus lives on muddy ocean bottoms off the coasts of Bali and Indonesia.

4. Is the mimic octopus the best evidence that God created?



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# **Frogs**



#### **Questions**

- 1. List five frogs, and explain what is so special about each one.
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  - đ.
  - e.
- 2. What is the only continent where frogs don't live?
- 3. How do frogs live in the desert?

- ➤ Frogs don't drink water: they absorb it through their skin by osmosis.
- ➤ Frog glands in certain species contain 20-30 different chemical compounds.
  One of those compounds is 200 more times more powerful than morphine!
- A group of frogs is called an army.
   A group of toads are called a knot.
- ➤ A frog will close his eyes when he swallows. The eyes actually help push the food down his throat.

- 4. What makes the gastric brooding frog so special?
- 5. Are frogs the best evidence that God created?



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### Man



#### **Questions**

1. How many bones are found in the human body?

2. How many miles of airways are found in the human lung?

- 3. What three movements are required for you to be able to see?
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.

- ➤ In one day the human heart pumps enough blood to fill more than forty 50-gallon drums.
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  capacity in a
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information storage mechanism known in the universe.' If you were to take the amount of information contained in a pinhead of DNA and write it in paperbacks,' it would make a pile of such books 500 times higher than from here to the moon!' That's a lot of information!

➤ Psalm 139:14:

'I will praise thee;

for I am fearfully

and wonderfully

made: marvellous

are thy works;

and that my soul

knoweth right

well.'

- 4. How many times a second does your eye 'wobble' so that you can see?
- 5. Is man the best evidence that God created?



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# What Is the 'Best' Evidence for Creation?



You have to make a decision! There is nothing that anyone else can do for you when it comes to accepting the free gift that Jesus Christ offers. You cannot accept a part of this gift, just as you cannot accept parts of the Book that tells you about the gift. It's all or nothing. You are free to choose. I just pray that you will make an informed decision. Unfortunately, most of us, including Christians, have been taught to think like the world.



What we as Christians need to do is learn how to look at the world through the lens

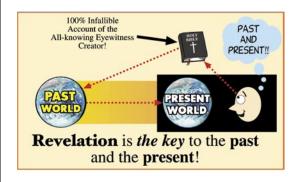
- ➤ The Bible is made up of 66 books written over 1,500 years by over 40 different authors.
- ➤ The Bible was written in about 13 different countries on 3 different continents.
- The Bible was written in at least 3 different languages.
- The professions of those authors include shepherds, kings, soldiers, princes, priests, fisherman, scholars, historians, businessmen, doctors, lawyers and common laborers.
- ➤ In Psalm 22 there are over 30 prophecies that were fulfilled

concerning Christ's Crucifixion.

- Contrast these ancient views of the Earth:
- The Greeks
   believed that the
   Earth rested upon
   the back of Atlas.
- Hindus taught that the Earth was placed upon the back of elephants.
- Ancient Egyptians believed the Earth rested upon 5 pillars.
- Job 26:7 says that God 'hangs the Earth on nothing.' When you start with God, the only one who has always been there and KNOWS what it was like in the beginning, you will have the correct answer.
- ➤ One of the more

of God's Word. The Bible is real history that God has given us and we can trust. When you start from the Word of God and not man's opinion as your source of absolute truth, you will come to different conclusions than the world. This isn't because of the 'evidence,' it is because of our starting point or bias.

If you can trust the first book of the Bible, Genesis, you can also trust it all the way through to the very end. The message of the Bible is that God has a plan in place to bring us back to Him, even though we have been separated from Him by our sin. It is my deepest desire that the information in this talk will encourage you to look to God's Word for the sure foundation on which to live the rest of your life.



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#### **Thoughts**

- 1. Do you believe that the Bible really deals with current issues and difficulties? Why or why not?
- 2. Intelligent Design (ID) can be an excellent tool, but what are its weaknesses?

popular claims, by those who don't believe the Bible. is that Christians used to believe the Earth was flat. But Isaiah 40:22 states. 'It is God that sits upon the circle [Hebrew word for globe or sphere] of the Earth.' This was written around 600 B.C., well before we had spaceships to verify this fact.

➤ Hipparchus numbered the stars at 1,022 in 150 BC. Ptolemy changed the number to 1,026. When the telescope was invented, Galileo used it to discover even more stars. With our technology today, we can see what seems to be an infinite number of stars. In Jeremiah 33:22, God tells us

that 'as the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured.' This was over 2,600 year ago! Again, God knows the truth!

- ➤ The first book to be taken into space was the Bible on microfilm.
- ➤ The Old Testament was written over a thousand-year period.

  There are over 300 references to the coming Messiah. All of these were fulfilled in Jesus Christ.