

The Whiddon Valley Evangel

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Pastor's Pen

Dear friends and neighbours in Whiddon Valley,

Who has made the world in which we live?

This question runs through the mind of most people at some point in their lives. It may be when we are at school, university or into full adulthood.

Most people you talk to are content to allow the media – TV, Newspapers and magazines – and the opinions of their friends to help them to determine the answer.

Christian people go to a remarkable text book that answers the question without doubt.

God made the world, it's plain to see! And the information is in His book the Bible.

The Bible says in John's Gospel chapter 1 verses 1 to 3 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.'

This tells me that Jesus Christ was the Creator!

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JOHN 1 V 1-3

That is an astounding claim! You may not have heard of that before! But it is true!

Let me tell you of 7 evidences that Jesus Christ, the 'word made flesh' – the God man – is who He says and that He is the Creator!

IN THE
BEGINNING GOD
CREATED THE
HEAVEN AND THE
EARTH.

GENESIS 1 V 1

1. He took ordinary water and changed it into wine. He did it with no time allowed for fermentation – it was water at one moment – and high quality wine the next.

2. Jesus healed a young man, the son of a nobleman, who was about to die. He was 6 miles away at the time. The father came to Jesus to plead with Him to come to Capernaum. But He healed him by only the spoken word. The mark of the Creator.

3. There was a man who had been crippled for 38 years. His limbs were bent and atrophied. The Lord Jesus gave him perfect limbs. He got up as Jesus spoke to him saying, "Get up! Pick your bed up and walk." In an instant he was healed. No lengthy consultations, outpatients appointments,



the earth - accident or design?

surgery, recovery and physiotherapy. Jesus, recreated the man's limbs in an instant. Only the creator can do that!

4. On one occasion Jesus created a huge amount of bread and fish enough to feed a crowd of more than 5,000 to their satisfaction and still have several baskets of food over. Who is able to do that – beside the Creator God – Jesus the Creator. Only He could do that!

5. In order for you or me to be able to walk on water we need to have something under our feet. The Bible records that Jesus defied gravity and the liquid nature of water. He must have created an anti gravity force to enable Him to walk on the sea of Galilee. It is the power of the Creator that is demonstrated here in this witnessed account of Jesus walking on water.

6. Congenital blindness is incurable. In John's gospel there is the sad account of a man born blind. He was noticed by Jesus. Jesus made clay with his own saliva and wiped the clay on the man's eyelids. He went and washed this off in the pool of water called Siloam. He went in obedience, washed, and returned to Jesus able to see – with the new eyes given to Him by Jesus the Creator.

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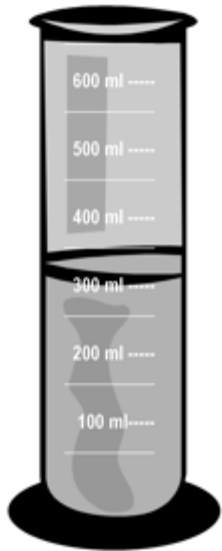
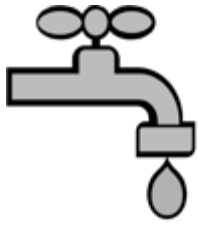


The Gospel Outreach Of
Whiddon Valley's Church



How dating methods work – by Tas Walker

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50 ml/hour

Addressing the students, I used a measuring cylinder to illustrate how scientific dating works. My picture showed a water tap dripping into the cylinder. It was clearly marked so my audience could see that it held exactly 300 ml of water. The diagram also showed that the water was dripping at a rate of 50 ml per hour.

I asked, "How long has the water been dripping into the cylinder?"

Immediately someone called out, "Six hours."

"Good. How did you work that out?"

"By dividing the amount of water in the cylinder (300 ml) by the rate (50 ml per hour)."

"Excellent," I said. "See how easy it is to calculate the age of something scientifically? Every dating method that scientists use works exactly the same way. It involves measuring something that is changing with time."

People began to relax once they understood that the science of dating is not so difficult. Then I surprised them, "The problem is that six hours is the wrong answer."

They look puzzled and disbelieving.

"I set this experiment up and I can tell you that the water has only been dripping for *one* hour. Can you tell me what happened?"

After they had composed themselves, someone called out, "The tap was dripping faster in the past?"

"Perhaps," I said.

"The cylinder was nearly full when you started?"

"Maybe. But can you see what you are doing?" I asked. "In order to calculate an age you made assumptions about the past. You assumed the rate had always been 50 ml per hour and that the cylinder was empty when it started. Based on those assumptions you calculated the time of 6 hours."

They nodded.

"You were perfectly happy with that answer. Not one of you challenged it." They agreed.

"Then, when I told you the correct answer, do you realize what you did? You quickly changed your assumptions about the past in order to agree with the age I told you."

Scientific dating is not a way of measuring but a way of thinking.

Every scientist must first make assumptions about the past before he can calculate an age. If the result seems okay then he will happily accept it. But if it does not agree with other information then he will change his assumptions so that his answer does agree.

It does not matter if the calculated age is too old or too young. There are always many assumptions a scientist can make to get a consistent answer.

Suddenly the lights went on. My audience saw, in a nutshell, the way dating methods work.¹ Scientific dating is not a way of measuring but a way of thinking.

¹ For further information see: Sarfati, J., Diamonds: a creationist's best friend, *Creation* 28(4):26–27, 2006 and Walker, T., The way it really is: little-known facts about radiometric dating, *Creation* 24(4):20–23, 2002.



**SCIENTIFIC DATING ...
A WAY OF THINKING**

The Ant

A few weeks ago I was sitting in a garden in West London, the temperature was above 30° C and it was hot! There was not the familiar North Devon breeze that I take so for granted, everything



was slow moving and seemed immobilised by the heat except for one creature – a colony of ants. They were focused on their task and never stopped for a moment and while we consider them a pest



and wonder how to get rid of them have you ever stopped to consider how amazing they are.

How does this industrious creature maintain contact with its fellow ants in such large colonies as we see from time to time around us? They

use pheromones, chemical signals. They perceive them using their long antennae and they gain information about the direction and intensity of scents.



Most ants live on the ground and use the soil surface to leave pheromone trails that can be followed by other ants. So a foraging ant, on finding food, leaves a pheromone trail from the food source back to the nest. This trail is then followed by the other ants and they reinforce the trail as they move backwards and forwards to the nest carrying the food. When that source is exhausted then the chemical trail over time disappears. They can also use pheromones as an alarm, attack one ant and you will be invaded by many more!

Today it is thought that there are 12000 species of ant. They have colonised almost every landmass

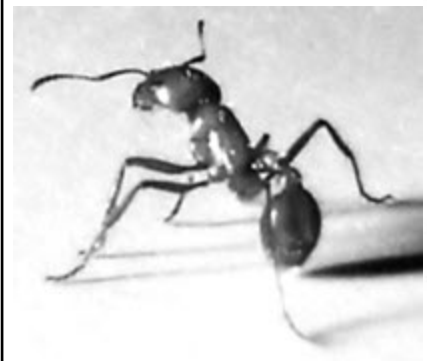


on earth except for Antarctica and other remote and inhospitable islands. They are even found in



the Sahara desert where they can sustain a body temperature of between 50 and 70 Celsius. They live in nests accessed by burrows in the sand venturing out for short periods of time at the hottest part of the day, their predators are at that time hiding from the sun.

The Bible describes them well '...little upon the earth, but they

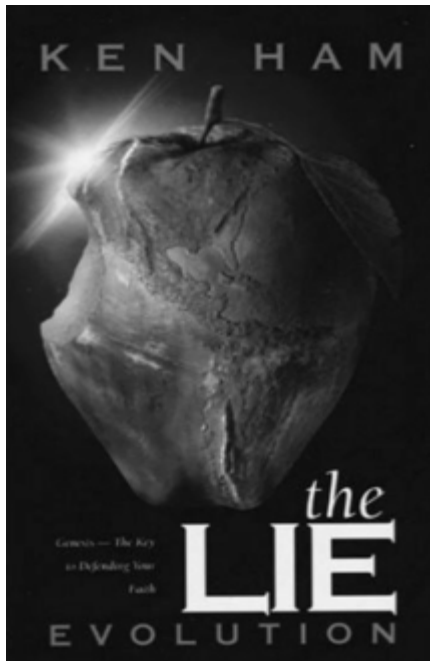


are exceeding wise: The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer' Proverbs 30 verse 25

So when you see that ant in your garden this summer I trust that he will cause you to stop and wonder

not just about how marvellous and wonderfully made he is. But also about the one who created him the Lord God Almighty.

Free Book



The book 'The Lie: Evolution' contrasts the two world views resulting from evolution or Genesis-creation. It is a popular introduction to the evolution-creation issue.

We would like to give you this book to read. To receive it please contact Pastor

David Kay (phone number 01271 328813). (Offer available while stocks last.)

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Author - Ken Ham

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7. The most amazing demonstration of the creative power of the man called Jesus was the way that he **restored life to a man who had been dead for 4 days**. His name was Lazarus. He had died and been laid in a tomb which was a cave and the door was a stone rolled over the mouth. Jesus came to the tomb and called to Lazarus to come out. And Lazarus appeared still wrapped up in his grave cloths. Here was the ultimate in creating power.

These accounts are enough to convince Christians of the identity of Jesus Christ – the Creator.

The Bible is available to you to check these things out. Since Christians believe that He is the Creator it is

therefore no hard thing to believe that He is also their Saviour – Saviour from sin, guilt and eternal hell. He has brought forgiveness and pardon to millions of people. And He is ready to do the same for you today.

Ask us for a Bible, if you do not already have one (ring 01271 328813). You too may be able to discover for yourself the truth that Jesus Christ is the Creator of the Universe.

With every good wish,

Pastor David Kay

I sing the almighty power of God,
That made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad,
And built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command,
And all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord,
That filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with His word,
And then pronounced them good.

There's not a plant or flower below
But makes His glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
By order from His throne.

Creatures, as numerous as they be,
Are subject to His care;
There's not a place where we can flee
But God is present there.

In heaven He shines with beams of
love, With wrath in hell beneath:
'Tis on His earth I stand or move,
And 'tis His air I breathe.

Isaac Watts (1674–1748)

What's On Sunday

Services of Worship
11.00am and 6.30pm
Seekers 3.00pm – age 10+
Sunday School 3.00pm – ages 4 - 10

Tuesday

Prayer Meeting 7.00pm
Bible Study 8.00pm

Wednesday

Bible Club – age 4 - 10
6.15pm - 7.30pm
Term time only.

Transport available on request

Thursday

Ladies' Fellowship
3.00pm (fortnightly)
Seekers Meeting – age 10+ 7.00pm
Term time only

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