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for the old paths, where *is* the
ye shall find rest



ye in the ways, and see, and ask
good way, and walk therein, and
for your souls.

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NO TIME FOR EVOLUTION

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth"
(Gen. 1:1)

Many people are led to try to
believe in evolution because of the
pre-historic bones, skeletons, etc.

(Note: The above title and following article are copied from **Youth's Living Ideals**, written by **James C. Brady** and printed in **A Message of Fellowship**. Some people try to make room for the "Theory of Evolution" by believing in a "Gap Theory" that takes place between Genesis 1:1 and 2. I do not believe in the "Theory of Evolution" or the "Gap Theory." The following article is good food for thought.—Editor.)

ASHLAND AVENUE BAPTIST
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Is the earth REALLY billions of years old? No, say the 391 scientist members of the Creation Research Society; in fact, it cannot possibly be even 20,000 years, and is probably no more than 6,000-8,000, a period which fits in with Bible chronologies, but NOT with the theory of evolution!

The evidence which this group has gathered to back up their statement comes from several different fields of science, including population statistics, geophysics, geology, archaeology, and practically any other field one could name. A few of the more impressive bombshells which have recently burst on evolutionary theory are as follows:

HUMAN POPULATION

Prof. Harold Armstrong of Queen's University in Canada points out that statisticians have determined that the average human population doubles about every 150 years. The world Jewish population, for instance, has increased from about 5 persons around 1950 B.C. to approximately 18 million today, or in their case, had doubled every 175 years.

By reversing the process, and dividing the world population today by one-half each 175 years past, we arrive at a "Starting point" only about 4,800 years ago . . . a date close to the time of the Genesis Flood. Evolution, on the other hand, says the human race started some 50,000,000 years ago! (Note: If we use the 150-year standard, the time is even

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THE PRIESTHOOD OF JESUS CHRIST

By J. H. Smith

The Scripture material for this study is found mostly in the book of Hebrews, for there is more to be found on the subject in this book than any other; and the most of this material, from the book of Hebrews, is found in the 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th chapters.

The chief design of the writer to the Hebrews seems to be to show the superiority of Jesus over the ceremonies of the law, including the priesthood. These Hebrews had a tendency to revert back to the Law and its ceremonies, as most Jewish believers are inclined to do; especially in times of severe trials and discouragements. I, myself, have had some experience with Jewish Christians, and I have found that what I have just said here to be true, even in our day. This situation also existed in the days of Paul and the other apostles. So the writer to the Hebrews, whom we believe to be Paul, is proving that the things of Christ are far better than those under the Law. He shows that those ceremonies are only types and shadows of good things to come in the person of Jesus Christ, see Hebrews 8:5, 10:1, and that He has gone into Heaven itself to appear in the very presence of God for us. (Hebrews 9:24)

We have no need for any other priest, we

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WISEMAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION TO CONVENE

The Wiseman Baptist Association is to convene in its 85th annual session with Lafayette Missionary Baptist Church, 302 College St., Lafayette, Tenn. on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 22-23, 1976. Services are to begin the first day at 10:00 A. M.

Elder Harold D. Linville is to preach the Introductory Sermon on Friday and on Saturday Elder Howard G. Taylor will preach the Doctrinal Sermon.

Officers elected in the 1975 session were Elder F. L. Ray, moderator; Elder H. C. Vanderpool, clerk, and Elder A. G. Gregory, treasurer.

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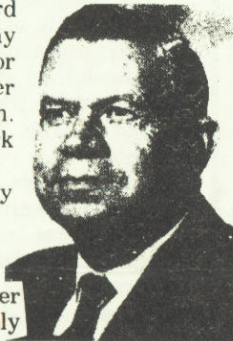
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In the August business meeting of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Holland, Ky., Elder F. L. Ray was called to the pastorate of the church for one year. The church has services on 1st and 3rd Sundays, and Bro. Ray says he is available for appointments the other Sundays of each month. He is to begin his work with the Kentucky church the first Sunday in October, 1976.



On Sunday, October 10, Bro. Ray is to supply for Elder James. (Pete) Porter on Elder F. L. Ray Radio Station WHIN, Gallatin, Tenn. (1010) at 8:00 A. M. He is to supply for him also on Sunday, October 31, 1976, at Defeated Creek Baptist Church, Smith County, Tenn. at 11:00 A. M. Those who can are invited to attend the services announced.

Revival Report

New Bethel Baptist Church, 1088 Old Dickerson Road, Goodlettsville, Tennessee. Pastor H. C. Vanderpool was assisted by Elder W. T. Russell. There were four saved and four additions to the church by baptism. Members of the church were in charge of the music and singing.

100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AT PLEASANT HILL

Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Sumner County, Tenn. will be celebrating their 100th anniversary on Sunday, October 31, 1976, with all-day services. Elder F. W. Lambert, the pastor, is to preach at 11:00 A. M. After lunch the history of the church is to be read and there will be singing and opportunity for anyone wishing to speak concerning the history of the church. The public is invited.

BOOKS REPRINTED

Elder J. Hall Grime has had some books reprinted and you may order them at the following prices: History of Middle Tennessee Baptist, \$8.00 per copy. Catechism of Ecclesiastical History, 1 or 2 copies, \$1.00 each, 3 or more, 75c per copy, 100 or more, 60c per copy. History of Alien Immersion and Valid Baptism, 75c per copy, 100 or more, 60c per copy. All prices are postpaid. Bro. Grime's address is Rt. 9, Box 390, Lebanon, Tenn. 37087.

Enon Baptist

ASSOCIATION TO CONVENE

The Enon Baptist Association will convene in its 127th annual session on October 8, 9, 10, 1976, with Days Cross Roads Baptist Church, one and one-half miles east of Lafayette, Tenn. Services begin the first day at 10:00 A. M.

Officers elected last year were Elder William Johnson, moderator; Elder Thomas Carter, clerk, and Elder Floyd Ferguson, treasurer.

The Introductory Sermon is to be preached the first day by Elder Gordon Wheeler. On Saturday Elder Tommie Lankford is to preach the Memorial Sermon. Elder Floyd Ferguson will deliver the Doctrinal Sermon on Sunday.

REVIVALS

FIRST SUNDAY — OCTOBER
McFerrin Avenue Baptist Church, 1208 McFerrin Avenue, Nashville, Tenn. Pastor Howard G. Taylor is to be assisted by Elder Kenneth Massey. Services on Sunday nights at 6:00 P. M. and during the week at 7:00 P. M.

SECOND SUNDAY — OCTOBER
West End Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn. Pastor W. E. Massey is to be assisted by Elder Howard G. Taylor. Bro. Sammy B. Cornwell is to direct the singing.

FIFTH SUNDAY — OCTOBER
Lyons Missionary Baptist Church, 904 Gagel Ave., Louisville, Ky. Pastor Kenneth Davis is to be assisted by Elder Kenneth Davis. Services on Sunday nights at 6:00 P. M. and during the week at 7:30 P. M.

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shorter!)

METEORIC DUST

Harold Slusher, Director of the Kidd Memorial Seismological Observatory and Assistant Professor of Geophysics at the University of Texas at El Paso, points out that the influx of meteoric dust into the atmosphere of the earth and moon indicate a lifetime of only a few thousand years for those planets.

Meteoric dust consists of tiny particles so small, and moving so slowly through space, that they fail to generate the friction heat necessary to burn up upon entering the atmosphere, but instead settle gently to earth's surface, where it can be collected in chemical trays and analyzed to determine how much of it is extra-terrestrial in origin.

It has been determined that over 14,000,000 tons of such material settles to the surface of the earth each year, which means that if the earth were, indeed, five billion years old as evolutionists claim, the entire globe would be covered with a layer of this dust FIFTY-FOUR FEET DEEP! Oceans should also contain a tremendous amount of nickel, since nickel forms a major part of meteorites; yet the ACTUAL amount of this element found in sea water indicates an accumulation period of only a few thousand years, rather than billions!

This is also the reason that our space scientists worried about the dangers of making a soft landing on the moon. Supposedly, it should have been covered with a similar layer of the soft, treacherous dust, but we now know that the layer there is not 54 feet deep, but only about 1/4 of an inch!

MAGNETIC FIELD

Dr. Thomas G. Barnes, Professor of Physics at the University of Texas at El Paso and a consultant to Globe Universal Sciences, Inc., points out that the magnetic field of the earth has a half-life, or loses half of its strength every 1400 years. This means that in 573 A.D. the magnetic field was twice its present strength; in 827 B.C. it was four times as strong; in 1227 B.C. it was 8 times as strong, etc., until we find that 20,000 years ago it would have been over 8,000 times as strong as it is today.

The heat produced by the currents associated with such a strong magnetic field would have been 250 million times greater than that found in the core of the earth today and, Dr. Barnes points out, "It is not very plausible that the core of the earth would have stayed together" under those conditions. "It would appear from these arguments that the origin of the earth's magnetic moment is much less than 20,000 years ago."

This would also solve many of the difficulties between carbon-14 dating and the

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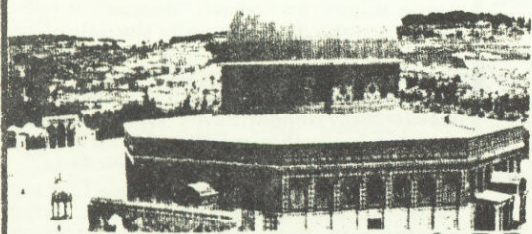
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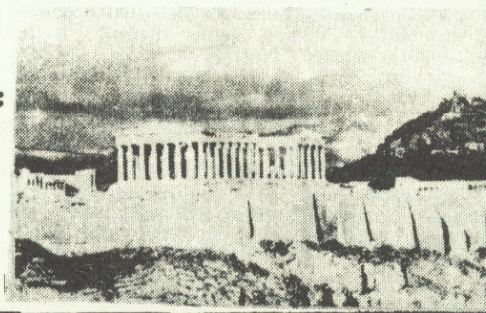
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don't have to go to some human priest and make any confession, like so many people do, but when we sin we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, (1 John 2:1) and He is the one Mediator between God and man. See 1 Timothy 2:5. The rich, the poor, the young, the elderly, the educated and the uneducated can come to Jesus, even if there is no other person around to be seen or heard. Yes, "We have such an High Priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;" Hebrews 8:1. How wonderful!

FIRST — Jesus was made a priest after the order of Melchisedec. "Called of God an High Priest after the order of Melchisedec." Hebrews 5:10. We would like to consider this man, Melchisedec, who was a fitting type of our Lord in His Priesthood: Referring to Melchisedec in Hebrews, it says: "Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils." Heb. 7:4. The Jews had the highest regards for Abraham, almost to the point of worshipping him; but Abraham payed tithes to Melchisedec, and he blessed Abraham; for its says: "And without contradiction the less is blessed of the better." Hebrews 7:7. According to this Melchisedec was better than Abraham.

Notice now, how that Jesus was a priest after the order of Melchisedec: A — Melchisedec was a king priest; "First being by interpretation king of righteousness, and after that King of Salem, which is, king of peace". Hebrews 7:2. Jesus is a king Priest also, and a perfect anti-type of Melchisedec. Jesus is truly the King of Righteousness and King of peace.

B — As to the priesthood, Melchisedec had no predecessor or successor, "Without father, without mother, without decent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but like unto the Son of God, abideth a priest continually." Hebrews 7:3.

Old Testament priest, under the law of Moses, had to trace their pedigree to Aaron, who was of the tribe of Levi. See Exodus 29:9. But Melchisedec's pedigree wasn't tracable to any man; as already stated, he had no predecessor or successor. The same is true of the priesthood of our Lord, He had no predecessor or successor. In fact, Jesus wasn't of the priestly tribe, the tribe of Levi; He came, according to the flesh, from the tribe of Judah, as the Scriptures declare, "For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Judah; of which Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood." Hebrews 7:14.

SECONDLY — Jesus a Priest of a better covenant. He wasn't a priest under the Law of Moses, as were the Levitical priest; for His was not a priesthood of a carnal commandment but after the power of an endless life. (Hebrews 7:16). That

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carnal covenant that the Israelites entered into a Sinai was very soon broken, because of the weakness of the flesh. That covenant was based on works, what they were to do, not on grace. "And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the Lord commanded. And all the people answered together, and said, All that the Lord hath spoken we will do." Exodus 19:7-8. This is that oral covenant, or agreement, that God gave to Moses, which the people agreed to keep, which covenant God told Moses later to write on tables of stone; but the people broke the very first command in the covenant before Moses came down from the Mount. See Exodus 20:3, 32:1-8. So there was no surety in that covenant because of the sinful nature of the people. But take note of the surety of the covenant of Grace, built on better promises; "By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament, or covenant". Hebrews 7:22. The writer to the Hebrews further refers to the New Covenant, the covenant of grace, as follows: "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their minds, and write them in their hearts; and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people; and they shall not teach every man his brother, saying, know the Lord; for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest." Hebrews 8:10-11.

THIRDLY — Jesus was a High Priest. He has all authority in heaven and in earth, "We have such an High Priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man." Hebrews 8:1-2. Old Testament priest were authorized to go into the second department of the tabernacle, which was the Holy of holies, on the great day of atonement to offer blood on the mercy seat for himself and for the errors of the people (Hebrews 9:7). But this signified that the way into the Holiest of All had not yet been made manifest, (Heb. 9:8). This was only a figure of what the Great High Priest would accomplish by His offering and going into heaven itself. See Heb. 9:9-24. The priest under the Law had to repeat their offering every year, because such sacrifice could never take away sins, "For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices, which they offered year after year continually make the comers thereunto perfect." Hebrews 10:1. But our Lord made one offering, and that will never, never have to be repeated, "But this man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God." From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made His footstool. For by one offering He hath

perfected for ever them that are sanctified." Hebrews 10:13-15.

Jesus was both the offering and the one who offered; or to say it another way, He was the Priest, and His body and blood was the offering. Unlike the Levitical priest, He didn't have to offer for Himself, because He had no fault, He was without sin. "For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separated for sinners, and made higher than the heavens; who needeth not daily, as those priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's; for this He did once, when He offered up Himself." Hebrews 7:26-27.

FOURTHLY — Jesus a Sympathetic Priest. Jesus experienced what we experience, sin excepted, of course; and so He can sympathize with us in all of our human sufferings; griefs, sorrows, heartaches, and temptations from the devil, or whatever might befall in life. Jesus knows just what we are going through with, experimentally. Notice, I said, experimentally. Of course in His great wisdom He knows everything and has always known everything; but until He came to this world, taking upon Himself human form, He had not experienced suffering. He knew about ours, of course, but He hadn't experienced it Himself. Since He has experienced what we experience, He is touched with our infirmities. "For we have not an high priest which can not be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." Hebrews 5:15.

FIFTHLY — Jesus, an all sufficient Priest. The priest under the old covenant had their weaknesses, they were mere human beings, and they had their limitations in all of their functions as priest. Something could happen to them at anytime and be disabled to carry out their functions as priests; but such is not true with our great High Priest, Jesus Christ; for He is always able, and He is always there at the throne of God to make intercession for us. "But this Man, because He continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood." "Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them." Hebrews 7:24-25. We hear people say, after they have committed some gross sin, like getting drunk, or using God's name in vain; well, I'll get everything fixed up when I go in the priest tomorrow or next Sunday. How foolish can some people be? Their priest might be unconscious when they get to him, or he could be dead. Then what could they do? Our great High Priest ever lives, He is always there at the throne to make intercession for us, and He knows our ever need too; and we are invited to come to the throne of grace to find help in and through Him. "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrew 4:16.

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Creationist viewpoint, since the stronger magnetic field would reflect more of the cosmic rays which are the source of Carbon-14. Carbon-14 is an element found in all living things, and which "decays" or loses its energy at a fixed rate after the date of the plant or animal in which it is found; therefore, it has been believed that by measuring the percentage of this element in fossils and comparing it to the amount found in living things today, we can tell how long the plant or animal has been dead.

The catch is, that if there was less Carbon-14 in the atmosphere and hence in living creatures in years past, as the stronger magnetic field would require, then the age of fossils cannot be dated by comparisons with living creatures today, since the fossil-creatures didn't have as much of this element in them to BEGIN WITH.

Dr. Melvin Cook, Nitro-Nobel Gold Medal winner and professor of metallurgy at the University of Utah, says of the effect of this factor on fossil dating, "It reduces the computed age by an amount dependent on the age of the sample by amounts increasing in time from about 20% in 1,000 years, 30% in 4,000 years, and finally telescoping all the very long ages to 12,500 years or less."

In addition, Robert L. Whitelaw, Professor of Nuclear and Mechanical Engineering at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, points out that the Carbon-14 content of the atmosphere has not, as evolutionists assume, been constant over the centuries, but rather is BUILDING UP at a rate of about 20% over its decay rate. By reversing this build-up ratio, we find that the time during which Carbon-14 has been accumulating in the atmosphere in order to reach its present level has been less than 16,000 years! The actual date of creation arrived at by Professor Whitelaw after calculating all factors involved, however, is about 7,000 years ago . . . well in keeping with most Bible chronologies.

RADIOACTIVE DATING

The other major method of arriving at ages for prehistoric fossils is by radioactive dating of the rocks in which they are found. The most commonly used rock-dating methods are the Uranium decay and the Potassium-Argon methods, but both of these have now been proven unreliable in cases where the actual age of rock formation is known from history. Dr. Earl Hallonquist, Canadian chemist, said in a recent television presentation, "Lava rocks known to have been formed in 1800 and 1801 in Hualalai, Hawaii, show an age of 160 million years by the Potassium-Argon method.

"Another report in Science for Oct. 11, 1968 shows dates of 12 to 21 million years for volcanic rocks known to be less than 200 years old." Other reports showing the unreliability of these dating methods are coming in "thick and fast" from all over the world, he pointed out.

And so we could go on.

But the point is, reader, that the world we see today could not have evolved by chance, because it simply hasn't been here long enough!

Where then DID it come from?

The only other explanation is that found in the Bible: In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" (Gen. 1:1), and if we accept the Bible, then we must also accept the fact that it teaches that there is a Heaven to gain, and a Hell to shun!