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SAVED AND WE KNOW IT

WHAT A JOY it was on Tuesday 9th June to chat with "Jemimah", who has come to Christ because the Covid-19 Crisis literally put the fear of death into her, and only Christ who is The Life could give her real life - now and eternally. Remember the Scripture that "perfect love casts out fear" (1 John 4:18). This especially includes the fear of dying. Only the Christian knows for sure we will see eternal life as well as receiving a new body in Christ's New Heaven and Earth. It's many years since we first prayed for this young lady. Give thanks with us and pray the Lord Jesus will use her mightily.

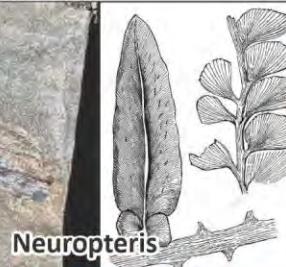
BEFORE I WAS A CHRISTIAN I used to be a very arrogant and proud atheist. I studied civil engineering out of arrogance, hoping to chase wealth and prestige – very selfish things. But I also did subjects such as rock mechanics, geology, and earth science. I was taught in a very secular way, especially at university. It was quite anti-Christian. But one thing I came away with was "there is no such thing as God!" That was my mentality. If there is no God, the concept of good or bad is technically irrelevant – there's no such thing as right or wrong. But I got to a stage where God started to work in my heart. My little brother and sister had started attending Grace Bible Church in Brisbane where John Mackay goes. They invited me to a Young Adult's Group where John was speaking on dinosaurs at Pastor Craig's house. So I thought, "Let's see what these Jesus freaks say about dinosaurs." I thought I'd go and show John a thing or two!

John spoke, questions were asked, questions were answered, and I couldn't really refute anything. Everything he said made sense. I had the mind set that as much as I didn't want there to be a God, I couldn't reject truth. I thought if something makes sense or is logical, I can't just reject that. So I needed to think this through. Everything John said made sense – even what I thought was geology, or the sciences I learned.

Walking back to my car I was just furious inside. I was so angry – not at John. Not at anyone there, but at the fact that what he said made sense. That frustrated me because I thought, "If what he's saying is true, and God's word is true, and if Noah's Flood is true, then the God of the Bible is true and real, and I'm in big trouble!" That's what made me so angry. Yet I can definitely say God used what John said as a first step in my walk to becoming a Christian.

ANOTHER THORNY FIRST makes the point!

Joseph Hubbard is the first member of our team to find fossil thorns in the coal layers of Tennessee where John and the USA team have been excavating for some 30 years. Pictured below is the first example of a Neuropteris stem we found in middle Tennessee showing thorns. See middle diagram below of this historically recognised fern with thorns. John Mackay has found specimens in Canada, England and other countries, but not previously Tennessee. So these rocks in Tennessee were also formed after Adam sinned and God cursed the ground with thorns. John also found two slabs in an abandoned mine dump, showing both sides of a fossil amphibian footprint track (below). Your support and prayers enable us to continue to find world-class specimens. No you haven't seen things like this in your local secular museum, so look what God is doing for us! Get behind our museum projects with your finance, and your prayers.



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VOLUNTEERS BACK

Covid lockdown meant no volunteers were allowed to help get the March newsletter out, so welcome to the upgraded June version with much to encourage and bless. Pray for our helpers and to be a volunteer contact info@creationresearch.net or Ph. (07) 3206 4467 / 0488740 407



Heather Pip Balazs



Part of Joseph's training for Creation Research involves learning how to professionally extract, prepare for display, and mould spectacular fossils for our museums. Jan/Feb we sent Joseph to learn from one of the world's best fossil preparers. During this time he learned how to clean, restore, and prepare for display the original "Bluetooth" - an amazing Mastodon whose teeth are preserved with an interesting blue colour. Pray for Joseph who spent a month with Joe Taylor in Texas learning skills he can gain nowhere else, which will be a tremendous blessing to our museum ministries in Canada, USA, England, and Australia.

Your support makes it possible for us to fund Joseph gaining these skills as he prepares for life-long ministry in Christ, about Christ, and for Christ, to proclaim Him as Creator, Sustainer, Saviour, and Lord – for the salvation of mankind.

MAMMOTH TASK

On the 5th February 2020, Joseph Hubbard and Joe Taylor (Mt Blanco Fossil Museum) picked up a Two-Tusked Mastodon skeleton from the swamps of Florida. Mastodons are huge elephant-like creatures. The purpose was to sort and restore the skeleton as best as possible. The most striking thing about the skeleton was the colour. It was bright blue in many places, particularly the teeth, and a mixture of brown to grey to black in other places. As the Mastodon began to be sorted out, a strange mystery revealed itself.

Firstly, the dirt around the Mastodon skeleton was full of Snail and Limpet shells. Certainly, an unusual occurrence! Then the bones began to reveal at least 4, possibly 5 Mastodon individuals in the pile. There were also Mammoth bones and teeth. Thousands of years were supposed to separate Mammoths and Mastodons, yet here they were fossilised together.

Also included were horse, giant turtle, tortoise, deer, rhino and crocodile. All lived in different habitats and ecosystems, so what are they doing buried together? The answer is simple, whenever you have animals of different habitats mixed and buried together in the same place, a catastrophic flooding, sudden mass death and burial event has occurred! Whether this deposit was formed in a small-scale post flood catastrophe caused by the after-affects of an ice-melt, or mega Tsunami or even the flood of Noah's day, the point remains the same. Evolutionary assumptions of slow deposition and fossilisation over millions of years simply do not hold up in the real world!



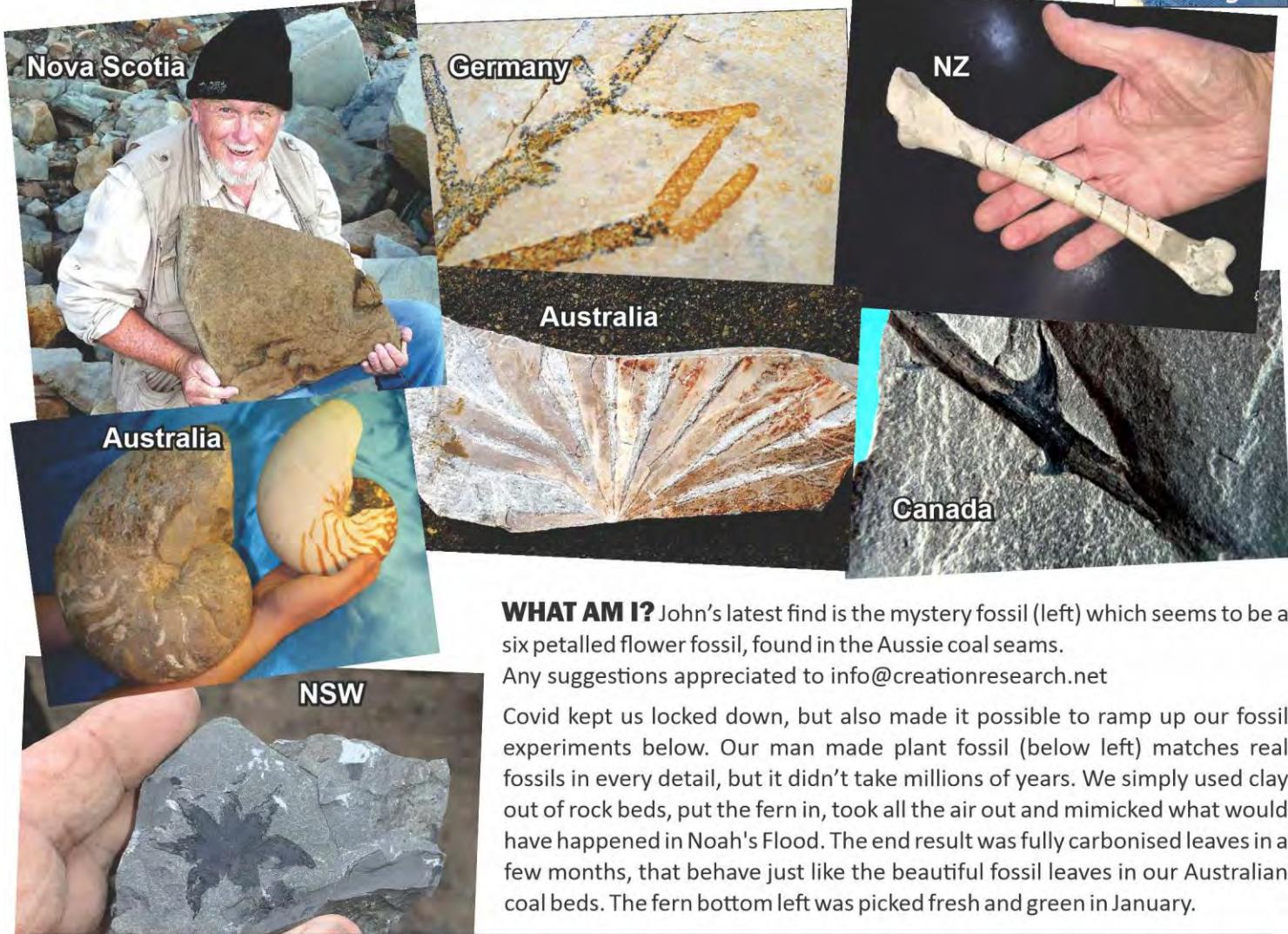
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Over the past 30 years, we've been accumulating an absolutely fabulous Christ honouring collection of materials for our Aussie Creation Museum. Below are just some examples which kick the daylights out of evolution and give all the applause and praise to Christ as Creator, Lord and Judge of all the earth in Noah's Flood. We have been taking advantage of the COVID break to sort and re-organise our fossils. Praise the Lord for our office helper Abbey being available during this time, and pray for her ministering in Creation Research. Let's start out with some examples John Mackay discovered from the hot Aussie Outback to the cold Northern Wilderness.



Abbey



WHAT AM I? John's latest find is the mystery fossil (left) which seems to be a six petalled flower fossil, found in the Aussie coal seams.

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Covid kept us locked down, but also made it possible to ramp up our fossil experiments below. Our man made plant fossil (below left) matches real fossils in every detail, but it didn't take millions of years. We simply used clay out of rock beds, put the fern in, took all the air out and mimicked what would have happened in Noah's Flood. The end result was fully carbonised leaves in a few months, that behave just like the beautiful fossil leaves in our Australian coal beds. The fern bottom left was picked fresh and green in January.

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**THE GOLD TRILOBITES** (top right)

are very real and are the world's best preserved trilobites, from one tiny deposit on the Canadian/USA border. They were obviously buried whole and rapidly. Our total collection of trilobites from across the globe now numbers many thousands, all of which reveal a Creator with an incredible skill at design and a Judge who didn't hold back in Noah's day. No one has any trouble recognising the star fish (bottom right) that was stopped in its tracks by sudden judgement as it crawled over the pile of now opalised pippy shells which we got from the Aussie opal fields. Even the Mosasaur below was entombed rapidly. It's one of four in our collection.

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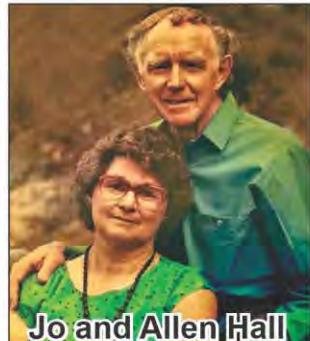
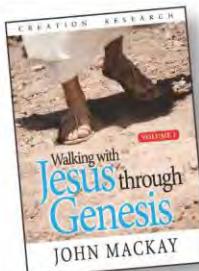
**Jeff Smith**

Jeff Smith was one of our founding Sydney support group members. He was a long term friend, ministry coordinator, and chemist who tested Jurassic Ark specimens. He went to be with the Lord Jesus September 2019. Jeff is pictured above with his grandchildren, as well as "Uncle John Mackay" reading our popular kids book 'Elly the Elephant'. Jeff longed for all his grandchildren come to Christ and did everything possible to see that happen. Pray for Jeff's family as they continue without him. Jeff knew Jesus as Saviour, and is rejoicing with Him right now plus chatting with Noah, Moses, etc.

**Effy Munday**

Effy is shown above, waving farewell as I visited her at the nursing home during her last year. She was my first assistant editor for the old Creation Magazine, which I ran for some 10 years. Effy continued editing for me until her 92nd year when her eyes began to fail. What a long, faithful ministry she gave for the work that the Lord has called us to. She loved the cover of the book "*Walking with Jesus through Genesis*" (below left), and as you read, notice that the book is dedicated to her. You will enjoy reading it as well. Effy said a final goodbye to this planet around 93 years old and went to be with her Lord Jesus.

HALLS OF GLORY Mrs Jo Hall is pictured right, along with her Bible translator husband Dr Allen Hall. She and husband Allen were long time supporters and initial Advisory members of our ministry from the start. The photo at right was taken just two weeks before Allen passed almost 16 years ago. Since then Jo continued to be a faithful prayer warrior for Creation Research. Jo died Monday February 17, 2020. and we are sure she is really enjoying being present with the Lord Jesus as you read this. Allen's main gift to the ministry was in translating. Allen was a great help in kick starting the Hebrew studies in "*Walking with Jesus Through Genesis*" (below left). By the end of his life he had received an 'Order of Australia' medal for his assistance to Aboriginals, having translated the Bible into Taori as well as into a Solomon Island language. I was always amazed at Allen's skill as we flew together, he could begin talking to a "foreigner" at the start of a flight and have their language analysed after 3 or 4 hours and be able to basically communicate. Not a gift that many of us have. Allen's most intriguing insight into Scripture was on Paul's comment in Corinthians about no one speaking in tongues without an interpreter, and then never more than two or three. Allen shared that in the Solomon Islands' Bible College he ran, there were sixteen languages spoken and everything had to be translated. So if any students or visitors wanted to share, they had to use a gifted translator. After two or three speakers, no one could take any more. As Paul taught, you had to organise the translator first. Both Jo and Allen are rejoicing in glory as you read this. Rejoice with them and praise the Lord for their lives.

**Jo and Allen Hall**

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GET YOUR SELFIES HERE. Yes, the pictures shown below are those you can put yourself into at Jurassic Ark. It's great fun and it adds that extra dimension to kids' experiences. Everyone we've tested this on so far thinks it's absolutely wonderful. Don't forget to come and do it. Bring your smart phone or device and your family.

'MEGA SHARK' joined our Monster display, during enforced covid closure. Come visit now the shutdown is being put down. Your support needed to keep this 10ha Christ honouring museum going and growing.



WHERE DID THEY GO? This is one of the commonest questions kids ask us about Dinosaurs. When you visit Jurassic Ark, you can see their track ways, their 3D models, and check out their fossils, but you also see our brand new mural by UK artist Ann Squires on what happened to the dinosaurs. This new artwork adds to our 200m of world class mural displays.



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Dr. Csaba Siffel



Ps Donny Martin

IT WAS GOOD to introduce Joseph to some important members and team associates in the USA. Top left middle is Dr. Csaba Siffel – who was brought up in Hungary and became a Christian through reading the compulsory communist anti-Christian books that attacked the Bible. He shared that the things he really remembered were the Bible verses being attacked. A remarkable testimony on the truth that God's Word never returns to Him empty. (Isaiah 55:11)

Top right middle is our USA Home Church pastor in Tennessee, Donny Martin. Donny and his wife Jane have a real link with Joseph, since Jane is British as well, and rejoiced in serving Joseph scones and jam and cream, as well as Victoria sponge cake.

Right is a very interesting Texan individual, saved from a 60's hippie background - the amazingly talented artist Joe Taylor. In front of him is one of our dinosaurs (virtual reality) rising up out of our book for kids "**What Happened to the Dinosaurs?**" (bottom right). Joe is self-taught, but world recognised for his skill in casting massive skulls and skeletons from fossil dinosaurs, mammoths, etc. Bottom left is John Mackay catching up with old friend Dr. John Morris, who is Dr Henry Morris' son. He has retired early due to MS, which some suspect was caused by several lightning strikes he endured searching for the Ark on Mount Ararat. My December trip to the ICR Museum in Dallas, Texas, was really worth it. Their model of Noah's Ark is the traditional box shape. So no, it doesn't look like Ken Ham's Phoenician curved front fishing boat. Their dinosaur cages were spectacular.



Dinosaurs? Where did they go and why and how? Join Creation Guys John and Joseph as they lead inquisitive children on a true to life fossil dig to find the answer. Excitingly illustrated for family and school age groups. Includes Amazing new interactive feature to view 3D pictures, slide shows and videos as you read using a phone app.

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