



**WE DON'T DIE** because we get old, and we don't die because we're sick! We die because of sin. Easter is a real reminder that death is not a biological necessity - it's a moral penalty that began with the first man Adam and the judgement of holy righteous Creator God upon the sin of that one man.

So when we read Australian theologians like Pastor Dr Don McLellan declaring in his new book 'Destined to Live', that science tells us death has been around for millions of years so Paul had to mean something else in Romans 8:20, when he talks about Adam's sin (Romans 5:12-21) bringing death and suffering on the whole of creation (P104) - because McLellan believes 'science says so'. Don't be surprised we rapidly expose such blatant error, particular at Easter. It's merely another attempt in the Devil's long war against the One who is Truth. The first Adam's sin was and is the cause of all death and corruption, and the only cure is the last Adam's thorn crowned, nail pierced death on a cross. (Romans 5:12-14, 1Cor 15:22- 45). Anyone who tries to mix and match the so-called scientific history of death over millions of years or via evolution will end up compromising the gospel, leading young people astray, and confusing the saints into rejecting God's Word as the final authority through acceptance of science as "The Authority". Take note, we will continue to expose such error and present the truth that the Creator who made a good world without sin, death or corruption is also the Saviour who offers us eternal life free of corruption, death and sin.

Now be blessed by the rest of this update especially the museum progress updates.  
John Mackay and the team.

#### WHAT'S COMING UP?

STANDING FOR TRUTH program with John Mackay, Joseph Hubbard and Diane Eager on Easter Friday (7 April) at 7am Eastern Australian time. [Presentation | Creation, Degeneration and Devolution - The Real History of the World \(The CR Team\) - YouTube](#).

CREATION CONVERSATIONS, our regular broadcast with the whole Creation Research team [Creation Research - YouTube](#)

UK: Friday 9pm; Australia: Saturday 6 am Australian Eastern Time. This week's Topic: Easter Special Part 1.

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### MUSEUM BLESSINGS

ENJOY SOME PICTURES from our newest Creation Discovery Centre of the first homeschooling group to attend our new museum at Archerfield Brisbane, and of our really successful Supporters Day. Pray for the atheist who stated after seeing the displays; "Your evidence for design has blown my mind!" Next she needs to meet the Designer Christ as Saviour. Pray also for the continuing gospel impact of the Tasmanian Discovery Centre, including one woman who came in with a church member and listened to the presentation Craig Hawkins was giving to a school group. She went to the front desk with her Christian friend and said to Craig's wife Rachelle "It all makes sense now". After a short time of discussion she repented of her sins to the Lord and rejected her past involvement in the occult.



### Homeschoolers



### Museum Open Day



NEXT MAJOR PUBLIC EVENT at the Queensland Creation Discovery Center is currently planned for the end of May/start of June. Keep watching for specifics. Pray for all the workers tasked with shifting our mega fossils from their current storage to the museum site at Archerfield and for all the administration and signage that goes with the Job.



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UNTIL THEN Homeschool groups can attend by appointment, as the museum will not be open to the general public – contact [Info@creationresearch.net](mailto:Info@creationresearch.net) or John on 0488 098 130.

Joseph Hubbard UK is in Bristol area this Easter week for four days of ministry. Pray for him. Details contact [josephhubbard@creationresearchuk.com](mailto:josephhubbard@creationresearchuk.com)

Craig Hawkins has been at Queensland headquarters, assisting with some admin transfer. For Tasmanian Ministry contact [Tas@creationdiscoverycentre.com](mailto:Tas@creationdiscoverycentre.com)

Head office need still urgent for an office assistant for the main office in Brisbane. Enquires to [info@creationresearch.net](mailto:info@creationresearch.net) or Phone 07 3206 4467.

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## Oldest Ichthyosaur?



OLDEST ICHTHYOSAUR? Swedish and Norwegian palaeontologists have studied fossilised ichthyosaur tail bones found in Spitsbergen, a remote island north of Norway. The fossils were embedded in a limestone boulder dated as 284.8 million years old, putting them in the Lower Triassic period of the evolutionary timetable. After studying the 11 articulated tail bones the researchers concluded they were from a “fully pelagic ichthyopterygian”, i.e. a fully formed, deep sea dwelling marine reptile. This surprised researchers as ichthyosaurs were believed to have evolved after a mass extinction event 252 million years ago that marked the transition from the Permian to the Triassic era which left an empty ecological niche to be filled. This is in keeping with evolutionary theory that ichthyosaurs are descendants of land-dwelling walking reptiles that moved into the sea and eventually evolved fish-like streamlined bodies with flippers and reproduction by live birth at sea, rather than laying eggs on land. Finding fully formed ichthyosaur remains dated so close to the Permian/Triassic border is a problem for this theory as it does not allow enough time for all those changes to occur after the beginning of the Triassic. According to Uppsala University press release: “It now seems that at least some groups predated this landmark interval, with fossils of their most ancient ancestors still awaiting discovery in even older rocks on Spitsbergen and elsewhere in the world.”

References: [Live Science](#) 18 March 2023; Uppsala University [Press Release](#) 13 March 2023; *Current Biology* 13 March 2023, doi: 10.1016/j.cub.2022.12.053

ED. COM. This report is a good reminder there is no actual evidence land dwelling reptiles turned into ichthyosaurs in the fossil record or in the living world. Belief that land reptiles turned into marine reptiles is based on rejection of the Creator's word in Genesis, which tells us God created sea creatures on the fifth creation day and land creatures on the sixth. Therefore, ichthyosaurs were swimming in the ocean before any creatures believed by evolutionists to be ichthyosaur ancestors walked the earth. This is one of many flat contradictions between Genesis and the evolutionary sequence of events, and those foolish Christians who want to believe God used evolution to create. Searching for fossils of land reptiles turning into marine reptiles is a fool's errand, no matter what rocks they look in or how old they believe such rocks to be. Psalm 14:1 states "The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God.'" (Also see Psalm 55:1) Christians who want to add evolution to Genesis stand equally rebuked as the atheists are by the Psalmist.

It is interesting that the believed transition of land mammals into whales gets regular publicity, but reptiles turning into ichthyosaurs does not, except for a few in the evolutionary community. However, the transition of land dwelling, walking, egg laying reptiles into fully swimming marine creatures requires just as many changes in body structure and function. Maybe it is because lizards and ichthyosaurs aren't as cute or iconic as furry mammals and dolphins and whales?

DID YOU MISS THIS QUESTION? What about the evidence showing whales have evolved from land animals? Answer [here](#)

## Hairy Cacti Help Bats Find Flowers



HAIRY CACTI HELP BATS FIND FLOWERS. A South American cactus named *Espostoa frutescens* is pollinated by bats. As bats are active at night, how do bats find flowers in dark? Some bat-pollinated flowers are able to reflect bats' echolocating sounds, so scientists at Nuremberg Zoo, Germany and Vrije Universiteit, The Netherlands, studied these cacti to see if they had any special acoustic properties. They found the main stems of the cacti reflected sound well, the flowers reflected sound moderately well, but the area around the flowers, which is covered with fine hairs, absorbed sound at the frequency of the bat's sonar calls, around 90 kHz. The research team suggested the absorbent hairy areas provided an area of contrast enhancement around the flowers to help the bats recognise and locate the flowers. To test this they removed flowers from their usual position on the cactus stems and placed them in another part of the stem that did not have the hairy patch. They found the flowers' echoes were lost amongst the echoes from the rest of the cactus stem, which made it difficult to locate the flowers from reflected sound alone. However, the flowers in their normal place surrounded by the sound absorbing hairy surface stood out. The research team concluded: "Our results indicate that, instead of making flowers more reflective, plants can also evolve structures to attenuate the background echo, thereby enhancing the acoustic contrast with the target."

References: [Inside JEB](#) 3 March 2023; *Journal of Experimental Biology* 3 March 2023 doi: 10.1242/jeb.245263.

ED. COM. When evolutionists write throwaway lines such as "plants can evolve structures" we need to challenge them with "How?" Natural selection is a non-answer! Natural selection only selects what is already there. So, how would a plant know what frequency the bats' sonar signals operate; how would it know what structures would absorb this sound; how would it know how to change its growth control genes to make the hairy surface; and how did it get all this right in one generation so that the plant did not die out from lack of pollination?

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It is far more logical to believe that the Creator who made all living things made the bats and the plants to work together in this complementary way to provide the bats with nectar and enable the plants to be pollinated.

Useful links from the archives: [Ichthyosaur Mass Grave](#), [Jurassic Blubber](#), [Plants Call in Bats](#)

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