

WEIRD AND WONDERFUL

The Manatee (Sea Cow)

Many years ago, sailors sometimes reported seeing “mermaids” — half-fish, half-woman creatures. Of course, such creatures never really existed, but we now think that what some of these sailors saw were **manatees**. Manatees, which can grow to 4.5 metres (16 feet) long, are mammals which live in the sea. They are also known as ‘sea cows’, because they feed on plants which grow on the sea bed. Although they breathe air, they can hold their breath for 20 minutes when they dive. Unlike other mammals, manatees’ lungs are long, and stretch nearly the whole length of their bodies. Their ribs are specially shaped to make room for these long lungs, which help them to float in a horizontal position.



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Evolutionists say that manatees are related to elephants, and that they had four-legged ancestors which lived on the land. But although fossils of manatees have been found in many parts of the world, there are none which show a link between them and land animals. Such half-and-half creatures are just as much a myth as mermaids!

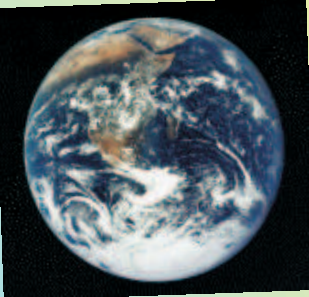
Manatees are perfectly designed for their way of life. We believe God made them that way in the beginning when “He created every living thing that moves in the sea.” (Genesis 1: 21).



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Uncovering a manatee fossil in India. There is no evidence they evolved from land animals.

SCIENTISTS’ GREATEST DISCOVERY

Many people claim that all real scientists accept evolution, and can’t believe in the Bible or creation. But that’s just not true! All the most famous scientists of the past had no problem with believing in the Bible and creation. Astronomer Johannes Kepler wrote, “[God] is the kind Creator who brought forth nature out of nothing.” And there are thousands of Christian scientists in the world today who are happy to believe what the Bible says about creation.



However, there are many other scientists who have decided they want to explain the world without God, and insist that life came through evolution. But they have to ignore all the facts which support belief in creation, and have never seen evolution happening. Creation scientists believe that God helps them in their work, and more and more discoveries are being made which show that the Bible is true. But the greatest discovery these scientists have made is that God the Creator loves them, and sent His Son Jesus to earth to prove that love by dying on the cross. “Christ died for us while we were still sinners. In this way God shows his great love for us.” (*The Bible, Romans 5: 8*). You may grow up to be a scientist and discover more evidence that God created everything. But don’t miss the greatest discovery of all — that God loves you!



Real science is based on what we can see. No one has ever seen evolution happening.

PUZZLE CORNER ANSWERS

“Wisdom begins with respect for the Lord.” (Psalm 111: 10)
BIBLE VERSE
 colour. 7. Shadow colour. 8. Extra eye-brow.
 5. Shirt collar colour. 6. Microscope barrel.
 3. Microscope base colour. 4. Paper colour.
 1. Hair colour. 2. Button colour.
SPOT THE DIFFERENCE
 8. Newton.
 5. Faraday. 6. Stenilise. 7. Magnets.
 1. Kepler. 2. Uranus. 3. Insects. 4. Surgeon.
JUMBLED WORDS

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Thinking GOD’S Thoughts!

Our most famous scientists believed that God created the universe and everything in it, and that the Bible record of creation was true.

SEEING GOD IN THE HEAVENS

Some 3,000 years ago, a man called David wrote, “The heavens tell the glory of God. And the skies announce what his hands have made.” (*The Bible, Psalm 19: 1*). Since telescopes were invented, astronomers have discovered that the universe is even more wonderful than David could ever have guessed, and many of them have agreed that the universe does reveal God’s greatness. Johannes Kepler was a German astronomer who lived from 1571 to 1630. He studied the solar system, and said it must be the work of “the most wise Creator.” Kepler believed that understanding the orderly way the planets moved should help people see the greatness of God, and that in his scientific work, he was “thinking God’s thoughts after Him.” Another famous astronomer was



Johannes Kepler

William Herschel, who discovered the planet Uranus. He said that any astronomer who did not believe in a Creator, “must be mad.”

Sir Isaac Newton, (1643–1727) has been described as “the most famous scientist who ever lived.” He did research on the Law of Gravity, and the movement of the planets. He described the solar system as “This most beautiful system of the sun, planets and comets”, and said it must have been created by “an intelligent and powerful Being.” Newton believed the Bible was completely true and dependable, and that God created the world in six days just as the Bible says.



Sir Isaac Newton



William Herschel, and the planet Uranus

SCIENTIST WHO PROVED LIFE ONLY COMES FROM LIFE

Until the 19th century many people believed that life could just spring up from dead matter. Christian scientist Louis Pasteur (1822–1895) proved this couldn’t happen. He showed that if you sterilised broth, then prevented new bacteria from the air reaching it, it would stay clear and pure. He suggested sterilising bandages in hospitals, which saved many lives. It was also his idea to heat milk to keep it fresh longer; we now call this process *pasteurisation*, in his honour.

Strangely, many scientists still believe that in the beginning life on earth came from lifeless material! They would rather believe the impossible than believe God did it! Louis Pasteur said, “The more I study nature, the more I stand amazed at the work of the creator.”



Louis Pasteur



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