THE Queen Parrotfish (right) gets its name from its mouth, which is shaped like a beak, and is used to chew pieces of coral to eat the algae inside. It jaws are specially designed, with teeth that are replaced as they are worn down. These fish actually help to save coral reefs, by eating the algae which can kill the coral. Parrotfish live in the Caribbean and grow to a length of 15 – 25 cm (6 – 10 ins). Strangely, they can change their sex from female to male!

Previous generations would have had to decide on the code, then write their message. If the key before they could de-code your message and read it, people often wrote on clay tablets. Often it has taken years for modern scientists to decipher the information. Today, there are many ways to store or pass on information – only changes within one of the “kinds” that God created. The fossils tell the same story: there have been no new “kinds” created. The Bible says: “God has spoken to us through his Son.” (Hebrews 1: 2).

Information comes to us in many different ways: books and letters, CDs and DVDs, through radio and TV, and over the internet. But none of this information came by chance. If you have a computer printer, it will only print what someone first put into the computer. Computers don’t create information! Information only ever comes from an intelligent mind. So the amazing amount of information found in the cells of every living thing on earth must have come from a Mastermind!

The Queen Parrotfish

The Bible is God’s special message to us. People who believe in evolution say that living things change very slowly, but that tiny changes add up to big changes over millions of years. So “simple” life-forms eventually evolved into fish, dinosaurs, birds, whales, elephants and humans. There are two ways that we can test this idea. First of all, do we see these changes in the world today? Second, do the fossils show that they happened in the past? Actually, no-one has ever seen evolution happening – only changes within one of the “kinds” that God created. The fossils tell the same story: there have been no changes from one kind to another.

The universe is sending us information too. “The heavens tell the glory of God. And the skies announce what His hands have made... They have no speech or words. They don’t make any sound to be heard. But their message goes everywhere on earth.” (The Bible, Psalm 19: 1-4). The heavens above us and the world around us, with all its wonders, are sending a clear message that there is a Creator God. God has also given us the Bible. It tells us how He made the world, how humans spoilt it, and how His Son, Jesus, came to earth to die on the Cross to pay for our sins.

The Namib Desert Beetle

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The Bible says: “God has spoken to us through his Son.” (Hebrews 1: 2). This was God’s clearest message, saying “I love you!” If we put our faith in Jesus we receive God’s forgiveness, and we will live with Him forever because He rose again from the dead.

The Gutenburg Bible from around 1450 – the world’s first printed Bible. The Bible is God’s special message to us.
**NATURE NOTES**

*by the editor*

We all know that bees make honey from nectar that they collect from flowers (left). They also collect pollen from which they make “bee-bread” to feed young bees. Before they can gather the nectar and pollen, bees have to know where to find it. They do this by sending out “scouts”, which have a tiny magnet in their bodies to help them navigate. When they find the food they go back to the hive to “tell” the other bees where it is. But how do they do this? They do it by dancing! (see diagram on the right).

If the scout bee dances down the side of the honeycomb it tells the other bees that they have to fly away from the sun to find the flowers. If the scout flies up the honeycomb, then the other bees know they have to fly towards the sun. The speed of the dance tells the bees how far away the flowers are, and if the scout dances at an angle, they know they have to fly to the left or to the right.

Also, by wagging its tail the scout tells the other bees how much food they will find there. If there is only a little, then only a few bees will go. So the scouts’ dancing gives information to the other bees.

It seems impossible that all this could have happened by gradual evolution. God must have created honeybees to do this from the beginning. —Geoff Chapman

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**DID BATS EVOLVE FROM SHREWS?**

The evolution theory says that bats — the only mammals that can fly — evolved from something like a tree shrew (below left). However, there are no fossils showing this change. The oldest fossil bats have complete wings, just like bats today. If a tree shrew started to evolve wings it wouldn’t be able to walk or fly properly, so would not have survived.

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**WHY PIGS WON’T FLY**

When God created the various kinds of animals He made it possible to have a lot of variety in each kind. But there are limits. Consider the pig family: There are wild pigs — including the weird-looking warthog and bearded pig — and lots of domestic pigs which humans breeders have bred. They vary in colour, shape and size, but in many ways they are very similar. And all of them have descended from the original wild pig, which was created by God.

However, we can be sure that no one will ever be able to breed a flying pig. Why? Because pigs don’t have the information in their DNA code to turn their front legs into wings. So you will never see a flying pig — unless it’s a passenger in a plane!

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**PUZZLE CORNER**

**CRACK THE CODE:** Use the code key below to read these two Bible verses.

JU JT CZ GBJUI XF VOEFS TUBOE UIBU UIF XIPMF XPSME XBT NBEF CZ HPET DPNNBOE MPSE ZPV IBWF NBEF TP NBOZ UJOHT XJUI ZPVS XJEPN ZPV NBEF UIFN BM

**Code key:**

A|B|C|D|E|F|G|H|I|J|K|L|M|N|O|P|Q|R|S|T|U|V|W|X|Y|Z
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**ODD ONE OUT:**

Which of the animals in these lists doesn’t belong?

1. Squirrel, zebra, giraffe, hedgehog, mole.
2. Wolf, fox, hyena, tiger, coyote.
3. Hummingbird, bat, swallow, raven, puffin.
4. Swordfish, trout, dolphin, shark, salmon.
5. Turtle, crocodile, beaver, tortoise, chameleon.

(Answers on the next page)