

January 13, 2010

Greetings in Christ!

Our Creator has given us the gift of another year and is already blessing us through you and our campers, donors, volunteers, and prayer partners. May God continue to bless us with the abundance that we need to be successful this year in all of the plans we have to share Christ through creation and the Word.

Creation and Life issues in the news: we thought you might like to see the 10 ten species identified in 2009. You can follow this link: <http://species.asu.edu/Top10>

Irreversible Complexity--Evolution Loses Another Round

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Scientists discovered something remarkable in a recent study—evolution can't be reversed. In tracing the supposed evolution of a common protein, they introduced mutations to move the protein "backward" to each of its hypothetical transitional stages and discovered that each one wouldn't work. What does that mean to the theory of evolution?

Darwinian evolution teaches that over billions of years, living things evolved from simpler to more complicated forms through the natural selection of certain mutant individuals. Theoretically, if an organism evolved along a certain natural path of acquiring new features and abilities, then it should be able to retrace its evolution backwards along the same path to its original form. Recently, scientists were stunned when they found that certain proteins were utterly unable to retrace their supposed evolutionary history. To read the rest of this article, follow this link: <http://www.icr.org/article/5131>.

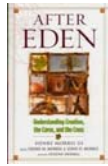
Nature Watch: We've been observing a lot of pheasants along the road lately. Most of them are picking up gravel for digestion purposes. The gravel makes its way to the gizzard where it grinds up the seeds, buds, and other things the birds eat. We've also seen several snow geese lately. Deer are moving along snowmobile tracks, roads, and other trails. They are still plentiful in the area. We've also seen flocks of turkeys in the area. One flock was out on a pond. Warmer weather this week should bring out more activity from squirrels. They'll be searching for nuts they've hidden away, but they also will go after apples, flower bulbs, and even garbage. They also like to figure out how to get to bird feeders.

Program Information: Brian Young did a wonderful job with the Teen Trek Winter Extravaganza this past weekend. About 50 participants enjoyed his presentations. Brian will be coming back up our way for two weeks in June for our Young Scientist programs as well as for weekend events – Preparing for College and Teaching Your Family About Creation. Check out our website for more information. We hope to share final details in the next week or so on our special Horseback and Creation week in Wyoming coming up the first week of July.

God's Word: Revelation 4:11 "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."

Prayer List: 1.)We need to bombard the Lord with petitions of grace, peace, and angels for the thousands of people affected by the earthquake in Haiti. 2.)Keep Task Force member Teri Norman in your prayers as she travels with others to New Orleans for servant work. 3.) Give thanks for Brian Young and his message of Law and Gospel through creation. 4.) Please continue to remember the staff. Ask God to give them patience and endurance as they continue to work on plans for programs and the purchase of Christ Serve Ranch. 5.) We have several people who have just identified themselves as interested in the LLC. Please keep them in your prayers.

Link of the week: <http://www.sixdaycreation.com>.



Resource of the week: **After Eden**. Written by Henry Morris III; Edited by Henry M Morris and John D Morris, Foreword by Eugene Merrill.

Question and Answer:

Question: Will there be a charge for the Creation and Life Issues Convocation?

Answer: No, but we will be distributing tickets. There will be an offering accepted to help defray costs and to support the Creation-Science Environmental Learning Center.

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