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It’s Christmas time and we hope this magical season commemorating when God gave His most special gift of all to us, His son Jesus Christ, finds you and yours happy, safe, well and warm.

This **Communique newsletter** contains a lead article which shows secular research on the speed of light, which if proved would validate a lot of the work done by creationists on how we can see what looks like an ancient universe from a world which appears to be very young. We also have an article spelling out the seven most discussed ideas by secular research on how they think life could have started on this planet without God. We follow each idea with a scientific and logical evaluation of each idea. Finally, we have an article by SABBSA Board Member Terry Read highlighting how the pronouncement by God that He will not strive with man forever, but fixed our lives at a maximum of 120 years is a physical reality verified by science and observation today.

Of course, we also have a rundown of all the creation science happenings in the greater San Antonio area. We hope you are informed and edified by this newsletter. And we pray you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**Einstein's speed of light theory tested: Did he get it wrong?**

A study by physicists from the Imperial College London and Canada’s Perimeter Institute argue that the speed of light isn't constant, and could have been much faster in the immediate aftermath of the Big Bang. From articles in the **Christian Science Monitor and Forbes.**

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**Aa**A pair of theoretical physicists is hoping to test whether the father of modern physics just may have been wrong about the speed of light being constant.

In his theory of special relativity, Einstein left a lot of “wiggle room” for the bending of space and time. But his calculations, and most subsequent breakthroughs in modern physics, rely on the notion that the speed of light has always been a constant 186,000 miles per second.

But what if it wasn’t always that way? In a paper published in the November issue of the journal Physical Review D, physicists from the Imperial College London and Canada’s Perimeter Institute argue that the speed of light could have been much faster in the immediate aftermath of the Big Bang. The theory, which could change the very foundation of modern physics, is expected to be tested empirically for the first time.

"The idea that the speed of light could be variable was radical when first proposed, but with a numerical prediction, it becomes something physicists can actually test," lead author João Magueijo, a theoretical physicist at Imperial College London, said in a statement. “If true, it would mean that the laws of nature were not always the same as they are today."

The theory of variable speed of light (VSL) was proposed by Dr. Magueijo two decades ago as an alternative to the more popular “inflation theory” – both offer possible solutions to the same fundamental problem. It had been explored by Barry Sutterfield before that.

Most cosmological theories state that the early universe was inconsistent in density – lumpy, if you will – as it expanded after the Big Bang. The modern universe, by comparison, is thought to be relatively homogeneous. For that to be possible, light particles would have to spread out to the edge of the universe and “even out” the energy lumps. But if the speed of light was always constant, it would never have been able to catch up with the expanding universe, which inflation is theorized to have pushed matter out at speeds far greater than the speed of light..

Inflation theory, which suggests that the universe expanded rapidly before slowing down, provides one potential answer to the dilemma. The early universe could have evened out just before expanding, physicists say, if special conditions were present at the time.

But inflation, proposed by MIT physicist Alan Guth in the late 1970s, was never widely adopted by the British theoretical physics community. And Magueijo claims that as an answer to various “cosmological problems ... inflation had won by default.” This propelled him to think about another solution.

VSL offers a different inconstant: the speed of light. According to Magueijo and colleagues, the speed of light could have been much faster in the early moments of cosmological time (making it many times faster than its current speed). Fast enough, they say, to reach the distant reaches of the universe before slowing to the current rate.

Now, researchers hope to prove that theory by studying the cosmic microwave background (CMB). Physicists have long used this radiative "afterglow" to glean new insights about the early universe. And since cosmic structures leave imprints on the CMB as they fluctuate in density, scientists may someday be able to produce a "spectral index" of the universe.

If VSL theory is correct – if the speed of light really was faster after the Big Bang – the spectral index should come in at exactly 0.96478. That’s not too far off from current estimates, Magueijo says.

"The theory, which we first proposed in the late-1990s, has now reached a maturity point – it has produced a testable prediction," Magueijo said. “If observations in the near future do find this number to be accurate, it could lead to a modification of Einstein's theory of gravity."

**Editor’s note:** This article is encouraging to the creationist and at the same time infuriating. There have been multiple suggestions by creationist theorists that the speed of light may not be constant and may have been incredibly much faster in the past and at the time of the creation (solving the starlight and time problems so many ask about). Such suggestions have been dismissed out of hand and ridiculed by secular scientists. But, now that a scientist who does not believe in God’s creation suggests looking into this possibility, that light’s speed is variable, it is not only not ridiculed, but his research is published and funded by the establishment.

Both the “White Hole” cosmology of Dr. Russell Humphreys and the “Cosmological Relativity” cosmology of Dr. Meoshi Carmeli and Dr. John Hartnett have embedded in their cosmologies that the relative velocities of matter and light were very different at the time of the creation. These new ideas being published lend new credence to such theories, but it is frustrating that such investigations can only proceed in mainline science if it comes from someone who disavows God’s special creation.

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**7 Theories on the Origin of Life**

There are seven or more theories floating around in secular biochemistry today theorizing on how biochemical life started on Earth. Below is a brief description of each theory along with reasons why none of these answer the real question.

**Electric Spark**

Lightning may have provided the spark needed for life to begin.

Electric sparks can generate amino acids and sugars from an atmosphere loaded with water, methane, ammonia and hydrogen, as was shown in the famous Miller-Urey experiment reported in 1953, suggesting that lightning might have helped create the key building blocks of life on Earth in its early days. Over millions of years, larger and more complex molecules could form. Although research since then has revealed the early atmosphere of Earth was actually hydrogen-poor and oxygen rich, scientists have suggested that volcanic clouds in the early atmosphere might have held methane, ammonia and hydrogen and been filled with lightning as well.

Evaluation – This theory, which has predominated for many decades fails in many ways. The existence of large amounts of oxidation (rust) found in Precambrian (before life evidences) rocks shows that the early earth had an atmosphere rich in oxygen, which would make the formation of amino acids chemically impossible.

The Miller-Urey experiments produced the wrong amino acids, as well as the wrong type of amino acids for life to use. Further, when amino acids (the chemical building blocks for proteins on which life processes are built) were formed in these experiments, they had to be immediately taken out of the experiment chamber and protected from the corrosive environment which they were formed in, which if they were left there would break them down. No such laboratory traps would have been available in the early earth to “whisk away” the once formed amino acids and protect them from the environment for future use in building proteins.

All of this however, misses the point of the problem of the beginnings of life. All life observed on this planet is complex. The idea of a “simple cell” is a misnomer which has never existed and cannot be found in fossilized evidence, nor has it been formed in the laboratory. Life always is built using the instructions from hundreds of millions of carefully constructed DNA computer program like instructions which tell the organism everything from what processes to form in the cell, how to form the cells, how to build the organism using multiple cells and organs, to muscle structures, to bone structures and on and on and on. This most popular of all “just so stories” of how life began does not even suggest a way that such information could have been programmed onto DNA, even if this chemically impossible beginning occurred, there would be no intelligence nor random process which could order amino acids into all the configurations needed for the ultra-complexity of life.

**Community Clay**

The first molecules of life might have met on clay, according to an idea elaborated by organic chemist Alexander Graham Cairns-Smith at the University of Glasgow in Scotland. These surfaces might not only have concentrated these organic compounds together, but also helped organize them into patterns much like our genes do now.

The main role of DNA is to store information on how other molecules should be arranged. Genetic sequences in DNA are essentially instructions on how amino acids should be arranged in proteins. Cairns-Smith suggests that mineral crystals in clay could have arranged organic molecules into organized patterns. After a while, organic molecules took over this job and organized themselves.

Evaluation – This sounds fascinating, but in reality, it is worse than a kid’s cartoon. The random patterns in clay have no chance to duplicate or generate the immense of amount of information needed to build the simplest life. In each one of your cells are over three billion sets of computer codes which are eight times more complex in their structure and the information they carry than the computer codes designed into our best computers today. There is more information in the DNA strands of each of the of the sixty trillion cells in your body than in all the books in the U.S. Library of Congress put together.

**Deep Sea Vents**

This theory postulates that the heat from deep sea vents gave both the heat energy to catalyze chemical; reactions as well as protect early chemical reactions and life from the cold of the early earth when the early sun gave off only one-third of its present radiation. It also theorizes that the crevices on these deep sea volcanic thermal vents acted to concentrate chemicals together so they could react.

Evaluation – This theory supplies the energy needed to act as a catalyst for chemical reactions, but it fails in every other detail. How would you accidentally get all of the right chemicals there to form amino acids? And if that miracle occurred, again the glaring question. How would the immense information required for building and sustaining life be imprinted on such simple chemical products? It could not occur accidentally and it did not occur that way.

**Chilly Start**

It is theorized that the early earth did not have the ozone in the upper atmosphere that now protects us from harmful ultraviolet radiation, as well as had nuclear radiation. As mentioned earlier, it is also theorized that the early sun gave off only a fraction of its current radiation when young, so this would have been a very cold planet, with oceans covered in ice. These ice sheets on top of the oceans they say could have shielded early biochemical reactions from the destructive elements on the surface of the early earth. Ice thus protected early organic chemicals from the ultraviolet waves which would have destroyed them.

Evaluation – This theory says nothing of how you accidentally get the right chemicals together to form organic molecules under the ice. But, once again let’s grant that cartoon like miracles occurred and that this theory combined say with the deep sea vent theory provided the chemicals up welling to the vents from the early earth, you still have no accidental process which could have developed or imprinted all of the massive instructions for life onto those early biochemicals.

**RNA world**

This theory which has been in vogue now for more than 30 years is that the first organic chemicals formed were RNA (ribonucleic acids). These strands of RNA are somewhat chemically similar to DNA, but have only one strand (not two like DNA) and are usually much shorter strands with much less information, but they are used in chemical processes in life. It is theorized by many that RNA strands first occurred by chance and they and not DNA were the early storehouses of information for life as well as serving as enzymes to foster life processes as proteins do today.

Evaluation – This is a brilliant attempt to try and ”end run” the problems of life’s formation, but it does not work and they have not been able to make it work after three decades of intense research on RNA.

RNA, while it can work as an enzyme is far inferior to proteins designed for these jobs. This answer also tries to side step the big question of how the massive amounts of information for life were impressed onto these early and inefficient carriers of information.

But, on top of all that is that there has not been a scenario presented where this primordial RNA world could be transposed with its information intact into a DNA world. This would be like your old mechanical ribbon type writer with no electronic components from the 1930’s trying to communicate with a modern computer using binary code. Without the intervention of intelligence, such a transfer of systems and information is physically and logically impossible!

**Simple beginnings**

Another theory on the origin of organic molecules is that it all began and progressed with much smaller reactions (steps) than usually theorized. These intermediate molecules progressing along the way towards organic molecules would need to be protected from the environment to preserve until future progressive steps occur. It is theorized that some mechanism in nature which encapsulates them like is done in membranes in a cell so that they are preserved until the next set of chemicals bumps into them and the next reaction and step along the way occurs. Encapsulated within membranes, allows these fragile molecules to stay together till more chemicals fell into place and more complex reactions occurred.

Evaluation – There are a myriad of problems with this theory. It recognizes the chemical problems of macromolecule (large) development and shielding ever growing molecules with outside interactions which would break them down. But, their solution is laughable. Where do these magical encapsulations come from to protect these forming molecules? Why do we not see them today? How would such fictitious encapsulations protect these chemicals from outside chemical reactions, but at the same time allow just the right chemicals in which needed to react with them to further the development of these organic molecules?

And of course , if this whole fairy tale did occur, it would still leave us with only complex organic molecules which still need to be organized by an intelligent designer into the intricately complex instructions of life, which this theory does not even touch upon.

**Panspermia**

Panspermia is the idea that life was imported from outside of earth to earth. This theory includes both the formation of ecolli bacilli in outer space which is then transported here on meteors which somehow survive the fiery entry of the meteor into our atmosphere and explosive impact. And it includes the transportation and intentional or unintentional implanting of life by alien visitors.

Evaluation – This theory has been supported by some of the best minds in the realm of biochemistry including Dr. Francis Crick, co-discoverer of the double helix structure of the DNA molecule. What Crick, Sir Fredrick Hoyle and others have observed is that the chemistry, physics and substances available on Earth make it impossible for life to have started here by chance. It had to be formed somewhere else with vastly different conditions.

However, their answer to this huge problem is science fiction. And it does not answer the question of where such a magical place could be such that life could form itself. This theory, as usual, also does not in any way address the “elephant in the room” of how the immense information needed for life is accidentally imprinted onto organic chemicals.

**Death has been Busy!**

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   These past few days, three notable people that I obviously did not know personally, but know about, passed away – Florence Henderson, Ron Glass, and Fidel Castro. I was really into the *Brady Bunch* when it originally aired. So of course, to me Florence Henderson was Carol Brady; although I understand she was an accomplished performer.1 Ron Glass was a very fine actor that I remember as Detective Ron Harris on the show *Barney Miller*. But Ron Glass really displayed some great acting skills on an episode of *All in the Family –“*Everybody Tells the Truth”, playing three different versions of the same character - a refrigerator repairman apprentice.2

     Of course, I grew up knowing that Fidel Castro was an enemy of the United States. Castro declared himself a follower of Karl Marx.3  If Castro truly followed Karl Marx; he was an atheist and a Darwinist.4  His death means one of two things. If Castro was right, then he is just dead. His consciousness ceases to exist. So he does not have any awareness of having been right, or any awareness of anything. However, if Castro was wrong, November 25, 2016 was a day of reckoning for him. Hebrews 9:27 states “And just as each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment.”5  So what Castro, Henderson, and Glass faced, we will all have to face.

     On October 05, 2016, it was announced that the maximum lifespan is 125 years.6 Researcher Henne Holstege from VU University, Amsterdam stated “there seems to be a wall of mortality that modern medicine cannot overcome.” Gee, it seems like maybe I read that someplace. Now where was it? Oh yes! The Bible! In Genesis 6:3 God states “My Spirit will not put up with humans for such a long time, for they are only mortal flesh. In the future, their normal lifespan will be no more than 120 years.”7 I have read that also interpreted as the time until God would judge the world with the flood. But if you look at the genealogies after Noah, you will notice the life spans decreasing.8   Genesis 50:22 states that Joseph lived to be 110.9 Deuteronomy 34:7 states that Moses lived to be 120.10 Of course God had a special mission for Moses, and for Joshua who lived to be 110.11 Decreasing life spans is also what we would expect with a different, harsher world that came after the flood; and a genetic bottle neck with all of us being descended from Noah and his wife.

     But the good news is what follows Hebrews 9:27. Hebrews 9:28 states “So also Christ was offered once for all time as a sacrifice to take away the sins of many people. He will come again, not to deal with our sins, but to bring salvation to all who are eagerly waiting for Him.”5 Are you ready? Are you eagerly awaiting Christ?

**Editor’s Note: One of the fascinating research areas today is finding out why we die and what limits our lifespan. We age and deteriorate due to such factors as somatic cell mutation (defects in the reproduction of a cell which are carried forward in all subsequent reproductions), telomere degradation (the unwinding of the end caps of our DNA strands, sort of like “frizzy hair”), the genetic load in our inherited DNA (the amount of genetic mutations already present at our formation passed on to us from our parents and all previous generations), and a fascinating set of instructions in our genome which simply tell cells at a certain point to die.**

**The bottle neck of the genetics passed on to us at the time of the flood and the human race being repopulated by just three couples accelerated our deterioration exponentially (God will not strive with man forever). We can see that in the rapid decrease in life spans after the flood. But, that bottle neck is the not the only culprit. It is becoming apparent that God did some genetic manipulation at the time of the flood to carefully craft us so that we would die out within 120 years and it is fascinating that that is now being verified by scientific observations.**

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**SABBSA on KSLR**

Please join the San **Antonio Bible Based Science Association** as we are now “on the air” each Saturday afternoon with “**Believing the Bible!”** Join us **Saturday afternoons at 1:45 pm on radio station KSLR 630 AM**.

Here is our schedule of program topics for this fall:

Dec. 3 -  **Belief in God’s Word in Israel – part I**

Dec. 10 -  **Belief in God’s Word in Israel – part II**

Dec. 17 - **Atheistic Christmas?**

Dec. 24 – **The Christmas Star**

Dec. 31 -  **Belief in God’s Word in Israel – part III**

There are several ways you can help with this exciting new endeavor. One and always first is pray for this program, for its content, its producers and impact. Second, become a sponsor, as many of our board members have done and help us defray the $60+ per week costs of putting this program on the air. Third listen to this show on the air and tell your friends and family members, so this can reach as wide an audience as possible. Fourth, help us with scripts. We are hoping that our board and other interested and knowledgeable members will both tell us what they would like to hear in future programs as well as help us by writing future scripts and coming on the air with us to make this truly a group effort.

Also, we now have an opportunity to take this program and broadcast it in radio stations across the country. To do that though we need sponsors to underwrite it at the very modest cost of $303 per month. Contact us at 210-861-0454 if you would like to help and expand our ministry in this way.

This program is available on podcast. If you cannot tune in on Saturday afternoons, or would like to sample our program or hear previous shows, they are available on podcast on the KSLR website. Click on the link below to go to the KSLR podcast page and scroll down till you find "Believing the Bible."

["Believing the Bible" - SABBSA on KSLR Radio](http://kslr.com/podcasts)

 Please join us each Saturday at 1:45 pm on radio KSLR 630 AM for **“Believing the Bible.**

**Science Workshops at FEAST in Spring 2017**

We thank all the many participants who attended the FEAST Science Workshops this fall. Our presentations of the **De-Faithing of America** and **Introduction to Creation Theories** were very well received.

SABBSA president **Scott Lane** will present four more multimedia creation science presentations as selected by our FEAST participants at the FEAST Science Workshops in 2017. All presentations will be at 6:30 pm on the fourth Monday's of each month. A companion young children's "hands on" program is also provided each night.

FEAST Science Workshops will take the next two months off for the holidays, but come the New Year we have a full complement of creation science programs selected by our FEAST science workshop participants. The schedule of programs is shown below:

January, 2017 - **Dinosaurs and the Bible**

February, 2017 - **The Discovery of Genesis in Chinese**

March, 2017 - **Distant Starlight, Big Bang and the Bible**

April, 2017 - **Where did Cain get his Wife and other Supposed Biblical Contradictions**

**Coming to SABSA in January**

All meetings at 7 pm at the Jim’s Restaurant at the corner of San Pedro and Ramsey.

January 10, 2017 **The Principle** (major theater documentary film)

"The Principle" brings to light astonishing new scientific observations challenging the Copernican Principle; the foundational assumption underlying the modern scientific world view. The idea that the Earth occupies no special or favored position in the cosmos has launched the last two scientific revolutions - the Copernican Revolution and Relativity - and, as Lawrence Krauss has said, we could be on the verge of a third, with "Copernicus coming back to haunt us". Interviews with leading cosmologists are interspersed with the views of dissidents and mavericks, bringing into sharp focus the challenges and implications not only for cosmology, but for our cultural and religious view of reality.

**Prayer Needs and Praises!**

**SABBSA** for prayer, support and guidance as we consider expanding our radio ministry.



**Humor Corner**

**Around Texas**

**Houston:**
The **Greater Houston Creation Association** (**GHCA**) meets the first Thursday of each month. They meet at Houston's First Baptist Church at 7 pm, in Room 143. After the presentation, there will be refreshments, fellowship and creation science materials for all to enjoy. They are currently in the midst of a seven-month series of teachings. Their meetings can be streamed live! For more information, go to [www.ghcaonline.com](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?llr=bztaencab&et=1103662222545&s=545&e=001xF-6WOYzM5Yyre44Ea_qUjH5EOT_fFIGjrfpfa5h-rD53IlUVbz3Vc0Dp47_VEwW3iQQ6F1b6K0EtKc_vUxYKpzN_8V2upXFbsOScvUeD92nJdUTjDIFeg==).

**Glen Rose:**
Dr. Carl Baugh gives a “***Director’s Lecture Series***” on the first Saturday of each month at the Creation Evidences Museum just outside Glen Rose, TX. The new and improved museum is also a great and beneficial way to spend any day. Presentations are at 11 am and 2 pm. For more information, go to [www.creationevidence.org](http://www.creationevidence.org)

**Dallas-Ft Worth:**
The Metroplex Institute of Origin Science (MIOS) meets at the Dr. Pepper Starcenter, 12700 N. Stemmons Fwy, Farmers Branch, TX, usually at 7:30 pm of the first Tuesday of each month.

**Lubbock Area (Crosbyton):**
All year: Consider a visit to the Mt. Blanco Fossil Museum, directed by Joe Taylor. The Museum is definitely worth the visit if you live near or are traveling through the Panhandle near Lubbock. If you call ahead and time permitting, Joe has been known to give personal tours, especially to groups. For more information, visit [http://www.mtblanco.com/](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?llr=bztaencab&et=1103662222545&s=545&e=001xF-6WOYzM5bqqt6T1G_CwJWJosrOSIhLAagtnP0Z504J-gEROEBe22S3gq720x6ofjFVqK-AfJcsjrsuQyRtoepYiAQVVUFC-cF56fLwwBJ0SQ-44KlLmw==).

**Greater San Antonio area:** Listen to **Answers with Ken Ham** online at the address below. (No nearby station for this broadcast). <http://www.answersingenesis.org/media/audio/answers-daily> To hear program from the **Institute for Creation Research**, listen online at this address. <http://www.icr.org/radio/>Also, tune in KHCB FM 88.5 (San Marcos) or KKER FM 88.7 (Kerrville) for **Back to Genesis** at 8:57 AM Mon-Fri, then **Science, Scripture and Salvation** at 1:30 AM, 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM on Saturdays.

**Last Month at SABBSA**

**"The Rocks Cry Out" Lesson 5 - Dinosaurs and Dragons**

In November, we continued "**Search for the Truth Ministries**" newest DVD series called the **"Rocks Cry Out"**. We will conclude this series in December.

This is not just a class on the evidence for creation. The goal of this study is to increase participants’ trust in the reliability and accuracy of God's Word.

Dinosaurs are used extensively to convince children that evolution is a fact and mankind evolved to appear upon the Earth millions of years AFTER dinosaurs went extinct. Yet cultures around the world and throughout history have references to these creatures. This lesson examines how dinosaurs fit into biblical history and reveals recent irrefutable discoveries confirming that dinosaurs were created quite recently - right alongside mankind. We found this episode to be a highly effective video on the subject.

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**Next SABBSA Meeting:
Tuesday, December 13, 2016, at 7 pm**

**"The Rocks Cry Out" Lesson 6 - The Age of Creation**

We will conclude "**Search for the Truth Ministries'**" newest DVD series called the **"Rocks Cry Out"** in December with a look at dating methods.

The belief in billions of years of Earth history implies that death, disease, bloodshed, and extinction have been around long before mankind appeared. If this were true, death is not really the penalty for mankind's sin and God is the "author of death". This lesson examines exactly how dating methods work, shows why they give erroneous results, and climaxes with a tour through a typical science and history museum which all too often are simply billion-dollar propaganda machines promoting non-biblical philosophical beliefs disguised as science.

Please join us in December for creation science and biblical apologetics teaching you will find nowhere else in Bexar County. As always, we will meet at the Jim’s Restaurant at the corner of San Pedro and Ramsey.