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This month’s **Communique** newsletter has a theme of showing us how recent discoveries in the fields of biology, archaeology and astronomy fit well within the biblical accounts and the creation science framework, but seem to falsify the evolutionary story. We also have a disturbing set of letters describing what is going on with the internet and what ministries should do to protect themselves. Finally, of course, we have a complete rundown of a bevy of creation science teaching opportunities in this area available this fall. We hope you find all of this information useful.

**‘Largest Structure in the Universe’ undermines fundamental cosmic principles**

*Excerpted article by Dyllan Furness*

Image credit: NASA/Swift/Mary Pat Hrybyk-Keith and John Jones

…A team of astronomers say they’ve discovered what might be the largest structure in the observable universe. The tremendous feature consists of nine gamma-ray bursts (GRB), forming a ring that is streaking across some 5 billion light years through space, according to a paper published in Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society.

The ring’s diameter stretches more than 70 times that of the full moon as seen from Earth. And, as the GRBs each appear to be about 7 billion light years away, the probability that these features are positioned in this way by chance is just one in 20,000, according to lead author Professor Lajos Balazs from the Konkoly Observatory in Budapest.



Image of the massive feature as a distribution of gamma-ray bursts (blue dots).

L. Balazs

However, there are reasons to step back and reconsider the discovery — it seems to undermine our established understanding of how the universe developed.

According to the cosmological principle, the structure of the universe is uniform at its largest scale and its largest structures are theoretically limited to 1.2 billion light years across. This new discovery pushes that limit nearly five-fold…

Balazs and his team used telescopes in space and observatories on Earth to identify the structure. They will now investigate whether the cosmological principle and other processes of galaxy formation can account for the ring structure. If not, theories about the formation of the cosmos may need to be rewritten.

“If we are right,” he adds, “this structure contradicts the current models of the universe. It was a huge surprise to find something this big – and we still don’t quite understand how it came to exist at all.”

**Editor’s note:** According to “Big Bang” theories of origins, such superstructures as the one described in this article should not exist at all and others found in the universe should not have developed for more than a 100 billion years from now, if at all. This structure looks designed and where there is design there is a designer. This evidence if proven would again falsify the current naturalistic Big Bang cosmology. This may be another signature of God telling us he created it all. Unfortunately, it is questionable whether we are willing to acknowledge his signature.

**More Evidence Against Dark Matter**

The following are excerpts from articles on CNN and from Sky and Telescope.

Nearly a mile under the Black Hills of South Dakota sits a canister of the atomic element xenon, chilled cold enough to turn it to liquid. The canister is the Large Underground Xenon, or LUX, detector -- the most sensitive dark matter detector in the world. But the results of a new analysis by the LUX Collaboration has left scientists perplexed about a substance that (they think) has guided the formation of the stars and galaxies since the cosmos began: dark matter…

Since the 1930s, scientists have known that there was something unexplained about the heavens. Swiss astronomer Fritz Zwicky studied the Coma Cluster, a group of about a thousand galaxies, held together by their mutual gravitational interactions. There was only one problem: The galaxies were moving so fast that gravity shouldn't have been able to hold them together. The cluster should have been ripped apart. In the 1970s, astronomers Vera Rubin and her collaborator Kenneth Ford studied the rotation rates of individual galaxies and came to the same conclusion. There appeared to be no way the observed matter contained in galaxies would generate enough gravity to keep the stars locked in their stately orbits.

These observations, combined with many other independent lines of evidence, led scientists to consider several possible explanations. These explanations included the possibility that Newton's familiar laws of motion might be wrong, or that our understanding of gravity needed to be modified. Both these proposals, though, have been largely ruled out.

Another idea was that there was somehow invisible matter that was generating more gravity. .. (many) astronomers have come to believe the explanation for all of the gravitational anomalies is that there must be some sort of new **and undiscovered** type of matter in the universe, which Zwicky in 1933 named "dunkle materie," or dark matter…

For decades now, the most popular theoretical idea was that dark matter was a WIMP, short for weakly interacting massive particle. A WIMP would have a mass in the range of 10 to perhaps 100 times heavier than the familiar proton. It was a particle like a heavy neutron (but definitely not a neutron), massive, electrically neutral, and stable on time scales long compared to the lifetime of the universe.

The WIMP was popular for two main reasons. First, when cosmologists modeled the Big Bang and included WIMPs in the calculation, the WIMPs actively participated in the earliest phases of the birth of the universe but, as the universe expanded and cooled, the space between them grew large enough that they stopped interacting with one another. When scientists calculated how much mass should be tied up in the relic WIMPs, they found it was five times as much mass as ordinary matter, exactly the amount of dark matter (theorized) by astronomers.

The second reason for the popularity of the WIMP idea is that it explained a mystery in particle physics. The recently discovered Higgs boson has a mass of about 130 times that of the proton. Theoretical considerations predicted a much larger mass, but if a WIMP exists, it is easy to reconcile the prediction and measurement. These two reasons account for the popularity of the WIMP idea and are called "the WIMP miracle."

The LUX measurement is simply the most recent and most powerful of a long line of searches for dark matter, all of which have come up negative. **They found no evidence for the existence of dark matter and were able to rule out a significant range of possible WIMP properties and masses.**

Now this doesn't mean the WIMP idea is dead or that dark matter has been disproven (but it’s on a respirator). There remain WIMP masses that haven't been ruled out, and there exist other possible dark matter candidates, including objects called sterile neutrinos, which are possible cousins of the well-known neutrinos generated in nuclear reactors and in the sun. Another recurring proposed dark matter particle is the axion, suggested in the 1970s to explain mysteries in the asymmetry of subatomic processes. (Although neither sterile neutrinos, nor axions, have ever been observed).

Nobody knows what the final answer will be. That's why we do research. But there is no question that there is a mystery in the cosmos. Galaxies don't act as we expect. The LUX measurement is a powerful new bit of information for astronomers to consider and has added to the general confusion, forcing scientists to take another look at ideas other than WIMPs.

**Editor’s Note:** Scientists have theorized about dark matter due to the way galaxies and other large universal structures hold together irrespective of their observed mass, which does not hold with Newtonian physics. However, there are other explanations for these motions, such as the cosmological relativity physics model proposed by Meoshi Carmeli and John Hartnett. Such physics does not require dark matter, and in a closed system is consistent with the biblical account of creation. The only reason such physics is not seriously considered, is that it goes against the assumption that all of creation must be an accident and would falsify the Big Bang cosmology. So instead of taking this latest evidence that dark matter does not exist and move on, they will continue to pursue something which cannot be seen or measured, but which their religion of naturalism says they must believe in. Who is scientific here and who is steeped in a religion?

**Oldest fossils on Earth discovered in Supposedly 3.7 billion-year-old Greenland rock**

Excerpts from a story by Sophie Eastaugh, for CNN

The Isua area of Greenland has yielded fossils that are supposedly billions of years old.

 Scientists believe they have found world's oldest fossils… Scientists have discovered in Greenland the oldest physical evidence of life on earth -- fossils that (may) date back 3.7 billion years.’’

If confirmed, the fossils are 220 million years older than any previously found…

The researchers, who published their findings in the journal Nature, believe that the fossils are stromatolites -- mound-like structures produced by (clusters of) photosynthetic bacteria.

The microscopic bugs formed colonies on the sea floor, depositing carbonates and combining with sediment to make mounds that were eventually preserved in layers of rock.

**Early life**

"For the first time, we can actually see an environment in which early life flourished," said Allen Nutman of the University of Wollongong in Australia, one of the co-authors of the research. "In this case it was a shallow sea, probably quite close to a shoreline." …

"If we got these communities of bugs 3.7 billion years ago, building structures you can see with your naked eye, there is a possibility the same thing could have happened on Mars."

A stromatolite is a mound of up to 4cm formed by microbial colonies on the sea floor. Pictured, the fossil found in Greenland. (image credit: CNN)

Though previous studies using isotopes (chemical elements) suggested life on Earth dates back 3.8 billion years, this is the first time that physical evidence supports these findings.

**Revealed by melted snow**

Nutman was part of a group of Australian scientists researching the Isua supacrustal belt in southwestern Greenland -- among the world's oldest rocks, which he'd been studying for 36 years…

However, Isua rock is metamorphic -- formed by intense heat and pressure of shifting tectonic plates -- which makes the scientists' discovery even more surprising. It was only after a decades-old block of snow melted that the landmark fossils emerged…

Some scientists may argue that the intense metamorphic conditions could have deformed the rock, but the researchers are confident of their findings. They actually made the discovery in the summer of 2012, but have waited for four years of further research and laboratory testing to support their theory.

"The sum of everything points to them being stromatolites," said Nutman.

**'Really exciting find'**

Dr. William Martin, head of the Molecular Evolution Institute at Dusseldorf's Henrich Heine University, said that though the fossils lack clear isotope tracing to prove their biological nature incontrovertibly, it is nonetheless "a very exciting find."

"If they really are of biological origin -- and I think they're convincing -- then it's interesting in two ways. One, it would be the oldest fossils we have." "Number two, they're almost certainly photosynthetic. All signs indicate that stromatolites are growing in shallow waters and harvesting light energy. That would really put an ancient date on photosynthesis."

Photosynthetic bacteria had a pivotal role to play in the evolution of life on Earth, explains Prof. Matthew Wills of the Milner Centre for Evolution at the University of Bath. "The early Earth would have been a fair vision of hell, much too hot initially to support the stable biochemistry that underpins all life as we know it," said Wills. "Through their photosynthesis, [the bacteria] were responsible for producing oxygen and sequestering carbon dioxide, so transforming our atmosphere over hundreds of millions of years."

**Editor’s Note:** Although it was not mentioned, this find of extremely old bacteria clusters is a real problem for evolutionary scientists, but right in line with creation science. This find would put these life forms into a period when evolutionary scientists believed the Earth was still being formed from magma. When the earth was being bombarded alternately by asteroids making the earth’s surface often molten as well as by comets bombarding us with water. It would have truly been a hellish environment, not in any way conducive to life. For these reasons, they have always theorized that life should not have arisen on this planet for at least half a billion years after the supposed dating of this find.

Further, this find is not of simple bacteria cells, but ones which have developed or been given complex photosynthetic processes, which via the evolutionary timeline should not have developed for another billion years and not developed at all in their envisioned “hellish” early Earth.

This find and chemical trace finds in even deeper rocks, which hint at life at even an earlier period in Earth history should raise grave reservations about the supposedly established timeline of when life appeared on Earth via evolution.

Conversely, creation science would expect to find just what they have found. Life on earth from the very first days of its creation. God’s word said that He started to fill the Earth with life on day 3 of the creation week. So we should find evidence of life throughout the rock layers. Further the Bible states that all of the Earth and all creation were formed out of water. The discovery of zircons buried deep in the Earth which show evidence of not being formed in a molten environment as these scientists suppose, but from a water environment as the Bible describes give good evidence for the creation account and challenge the evolutionary story.

What really shows these evolutionary scientists and their leader named appropriately “Nutman” is their comments on how this find of bacteria clusters in deep rock formations could show us how life came about on Mars. Such foolishness! This find, which may well invalidate the evolutionary timeline of life here on Earth is illogically proposed to show how life appeared on a planet which has never been shown to have life. Who is dealing in science fiction here and who in real science?

**An Intriguing Insights from Fellow Creationists**

Dear Scott of SABBSA,

The Internet is beginning to close down; this is happening in several ways.  First, the Obama Administration decided to give away the numeric Internet addressing system, so that individual countries will be able to block and reassign numbering.

www.creationism.org - among many, many other "controversial" web sites, will become invisible to much of the world.  This has been in the works for a few years now.

Also, recently by the month it seems, some of the biggest Internet-based corporations have gotten caught censoring links and information.  Facebook, Twitter, and Google, are among them.  It has become obvious that their liberal (anti-normalcy) bias is a part of their orientation.

And while individuals and most institutions continue using the system security they've grown accustomed to, a few governments out there have invested heavily in defeating any and all security that does not answer to them.  We do not know how this will play out, but - again - I urge you to please backup all Bibles, Christian literature, MP3 and video teaching, and other data OFF-LINE! if you wish to save these items for the future!

At some point in time the Internet will, I believe, close to Bible-believing Christian teachings.  (However, "Church of Laodicea" prosperity-type teaching will be found without any problem, just like in most "Christian" bookstores these days.) Some areas will be hit first, like creation theory.  This is foundational to the faith, so our teachings will become censored (even if not officially) early.

I have some photos and various links for this "Sept. 2016 Update" - so I think that it may be best to give you the rest of this "Update" via a temporary link:
<http://www.creationism.org/update/Sept2016Update.htm>

Blessings, Paul Abramson
[www.creationism.org](http://www.creationism.org)

Here is another letter from our SABBSA Vice President, Dr. Al Johnson

Dear Friends,

I have joined thousands of other patriotic Americans in support of Liberty Counsel’s call to Stop President Obama’s Surrender of the Internet.

The Obama administration is surrendering key functions of the United States’ oversight of the Internet to members of the international community. This “control group” may be comprised of enemies of our nation, enemies of liberty, and/or radicals who oppose our freedom of speech and freedom of the press. International censorship or a worldwide shutdown of the Internet in a time of crisis will become a real possibility.

To learn more about this issue and to sign the petition, please click here:
[http://www.grassrootsaction. com/201682/share.asp?PID= 47682127&ref\_id=37793&NID=1](http://www.grassrootsaction.com/201682/share.asp?PID=47682127&ref_id=37793&NID=1)
Thank you for joining this me in this vital campaign!
Alden Johnson, OD, SABBSA Vice President

**Institute for Creation Research (ICR) in San Antonio**

ICR met with thirty members and leaders of the San Antonio Faith community on August 23rd to organize a major creation science conference in the San Antonio area in 2017 or early 2018.

This meeting was very productive with several venues with the required 1000+ person size being offered and constructive information on both the correct timing for this conference so as to maximize its impact, as well as the speakers to include and costs.

SABBSA has committed to ICR to help in sponsoring, coordinating, advertising and if need be staffing to help this event come to fruition in the next year. We ask for your prayers in this endeavor.

**Creation Ministries International in San Antonio**

Scott Gillis with Creation Ministries International (CMI) will do multimedia creation presentations on

Sunday, September 25, 2016 in the morning at First Baptist Church Pleasanton, Texas

Address: 400 N Reed St, Pleasanton, TX 78064

 Scott Gillis

Schedule:

9:30am **Dinosaurs & Fossils: Amazing Evidence for Creation!**

10:50am **Creation: Impacting our Culture**

That evening he will do a presentation at Kirby Baptist Church at 6 pm. The title of his talk will be**, “The Fatal Flaws of Evolution.”**

Address: Kirby Baptist Church, 5114 Old Seguin Rd, Kirby, TX 78219

**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:

Sept. 3 – **Races and Racism**

Sept. 10 – **SETI**

Sept. 17 – **Dinosaurs**

Sept. 24 – **Natural Selection**

Oct 1   -  **Ark encounter + Ark**

Oct 8   -  **Age of the Earth**

Oct 15 -  **Test tube Life**

Oct 22 -  **Life from Outer Space**

Oct 29 -  **Age of the Universe**

Nov 5  -  **Why we do this**

Nov 12 - **Apeman**

Nov 19 - **Feathered Dinosaurs**

Nov 26 -  **The Geologic Column**

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.  Go to the KSLR website at KSLR.com and click on "KSLR Podcast" and scroll down until you find us.  This will give you the opportunity to share on Facebook or Tweet.  Please join us each Saturday at 1:45 pm on radio KSLR 630 AM for **“Believing the Bible.**

**Science Workshops at FEAST in Fall 2016 **

SABBSA president **Scott Lane** will present selected portions of his creation series to audiences at the FEAST Science Workshops in 2016 and 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. The fall schedule is shown below:

September - **"The DeFaithing of America"** - This multimedia presentation gives participants an understanding of how two societal shifts played out in America over the past century. How did we go from a nation where in 1925 it was illegal to teach evolution in public schools to today where it is illegal to teach God's creation in schools? Parallel to this phenomenon another societal shift was happening. America was undergoing a systematic move to eliminate God from all phases of our society. How did that occur? We examine that parallel societal shift as well.

October - **"Introduction to Creation Theories"** - this presentation covers the full continuum of theories between evolution and creation. It includes capsules on the compromise theories of scientific creationism, gap theory, day/age theory, intelligent design, progressive creationism, and theistic evolution. It sets the stage for all further presentations.

**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 2 The Red Record**

We have committed to watching the entire 6-epsisode set of **Bruce Malone’s** and **Search for the Truth Ministry’s** new creation science teaching series called **“The Rocks Cry Out.”**

In August we viewed Lesson 2 of this exciting new DVD series called the "**Red Record**." The Red Record reveals an astounding confirmation of the Biblical account of early earth history - including creation, the entrance of death, the worldwide flood, intriguing references to the post flood ice age, and other details of earth history. This lesson recounts the captivating story of the discovery/translation/preservation of this remarkable, yet little known, Native American document and provides a fascinating confirmation of how the ice age fits into Biblical history.

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

**Coming to SABBSA in September**

**"The Rocks Cry Out" Lesson 3 - Design Testifies to Creation**

We both enjoyed and learned from watching the first two videos from Bruce Malone of "**Search for the Truth Ministries**" newest DVD series called the **"Rocks Cry Out"** in July and August. We will continue that series through the fall.

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.

Lesson 3 asks the question, "How can we know if design is the result of natural processes or intelligence?" This lesson travels from Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore to the Badland National park and Mt. Rushmore to show how the design of life testifies to God as its designer. We'll take a closer look at the supposed mechanisms driving evolution (mutations and natural selection) to show the impossibility of these forces driving life upward in complexity.

Please join us in September 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.