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Hello! We hope and pray this newsletter finds you and yours well. Some of you were with us last month as we met for the first time at our new home for monthly meetings at **Grady’s Restaurant** at the corner of San Pedro and Jackson-Keller. This new facility gives us room to grow, a more comfortable space to dine, fellowship and participate in presentations, as well as provides great food!

At our monthly SABBSA meetings, we are in the midst of a three-month series of films called “**Incredible Creatures that Defy Evolution**.” Following the theme of these videos, this month’s **Communiqué** includes three articles featuring new evidences for God’s designs in the animal kingdom.

Our first article gives new evidence calling into question the long-held idea that **beauty in nature** is the result of natural selection and mating pressures. This evidence should redirect everyone back to the author of all the beauty we see in all creation, the Creator himself!

Our second article takes a brief look at the exploding field of **biomimicry**. This research field and blossoming industry fueled by God’s designs looks at the complex designs of nature and copies from them to make new technologies and products to serve man. What is too often lost in this endeavor, is how man could not come up with all these designs himself and how complex these designs are in nature, arguing that they could not have occurred by random chance, but were engineered by a master engineer!

Finally, we have an article showing us how **God’s design in our DNA and in those of animals reveals** complex engineering beyond our capabilities, as well as evidence within these DNA strands which corroborates several aspects of the Genesis accounts of history!

There is so much flu going around right now that we may elbow bump, instead of shake hands, at our next meeting. We pray that you stay well!

**It’s Not about Mating?**

We see God’s beautiful designs throughout nature with the impressive beaks of the Toucan, the lithe and colorful body of the cheetah, the plumage of the peacock, the brilliant colors of the Scarlett Macaw and so many more. The standard answer of the evolutionary community for this extraordinary beauty is that it is all an accident which in most cases was accidentally molded by time and chance to a form which gives the beautiful creature an advantage in attracting its mate by means of its beauty. Therefore, they say, this trait was molded by natural selection to favor the beautiful creatures who mated more frequently as opposed to the less beautiful creatures who mated less frequently, thus leading to the less beautiful genes being lost to future generations.

This answer, when closely considered, should make us wonder if the beautiful, complex and wonderful designs of nature could have really all happened by random chance processes. The Toucan for example does not just have a beautiful big bill, but one which is amazingly light, making up only 5% of his total body weight, although his beak makes up around 40% of his total body size. Also, note that it has complex functioning within itself apart from its unique beauty.

National Geographic Magazine (August 1, 2009) reported research showing that this amazing beak has a complex set of sensors and blood flow regulators built into it which allow the bird’s metabolism to control its internal temperature. The sensor array in the beak controls exactly to what extent blood is sent into the bill, which acts as an evaporator, cooling the bird. This apparatus is crucial in the heated tropical environment in which it lives. Thus, the beak and related sensory feedback systems turn out to be a highly engineered thermal regulatory system which has nothing to do with mating, but, instead, shows a highly complex system which could not have been cobbled together by random chance.

New research on the peacock is even more revealing on this point. The iridescent colors of the peacock have long been explained by evolutionists as having been developed by chance mutations to attracts mates. However, new research says this is not true!

Observations of 268 male peacocks of the most splendid beauty revealed that their splendor did not attract the attention of females who would randomly choose between them and less attractive mates. This has become hotly disputed research not due to its very good research design, but because it attacks one of the key assumptions about the functioning of natural selection in the formation of beauty as a byproduct. (Barras, C. Have Peacock tails lost their Sexual Allure? NewScientist.com news service, April 4, 2008)

This challenges a bastion of evolutionary development assumptions. If beauty does NOT give a mating advantage, then how could such beautiful designs, which in all cases reflect highly complex engineering, have occurred for no reason at all? From an evolutionary worldview this makes no sense whatsoever. However, if you view the world through the Creator’s eyes, this becomes amazingly clear and easy to understand. The complex engineering we see throughout nature built into God’s creatures was designed not just with functionality, but with beauty in mind, which both we and the Creator, whom we were fashioned after, can appreciate.

**Editor’s Note: Much of the material for this article was taken from an article by Dave Nutting in this month’s issue of Alpha Omega Institute’s monthly publication called “Think and Believe.” It is mailed free each month to anyone who wants it. If you are not getting it, sign up to get it today. You can sign up for their newsletter online by going to their website at** [**www.discovercreation.org**](http://www.discovercreation.org)

**Biomimicry – Copying God’s Designs**

A huge field of both scientific and industrial development today is the field of “biomimicry” also referred to as “Biomimetics.” This is the study of designs in nature with the intent of copying those designs to solve complex problems and develop products for our use. There is even a secular organization called the **Biomimicry Institute** devoted to the study of “nature’s time-tested solutions” to engineering problems in our world and applying them for sustainable answers to our needs. This innovative organization has the right idea, they just miss crediting the designer of all they are studying and copying, the God of all Creation!

The list of applications in which God’s designs in nature have been studied and copied by man seem endless. They include: bird’s wings for manned flight, studying butterfly wings to develop better sensors, copying the adhesives of geckos, using the shark’s skin designs on competitive swimmer suits and the bottom of ships to reduce drag, as well as develop antibacterial surfaces and increase speed and efficiency, improved turbine fans by studying the fins of humpback whales, Velcro was developed after studying the design of grass burrs, new ventilation systems that imitate termite mounds, self-healing concrete is being developed based on insights from human muscles, devices which mimic the silk producing processes of spiders, superglue from a sea worm which can mend fractured bones, flying suits patterned after flying squirrels, sonar patterned after bat and porpoise echolocation, robotic arms patterned after an elephant’s trunk, lighter -stronger building materials patterned after bird’s skulls, deer antlers inspired the production of super-tough materials, and the list goes on and on.

Sharkskin-inspired swimsuits received a lot of media attention during the 2008 Summer Olympics when the spotlight was shining on Michael Phelps and his record setting performances.

Seen under an electron microscope, sharkskin is made up of countless overlapping scales called dermal denticles (or "little skin teeth"). The denticles have grooves running down their length in alignment with water flow. These grooves disrupt the formation of eddies, or turbulent swirls of slower water, making the water pass by faster. The rough shape also discourages parasitic growth such as algae and barnacles.

Scientists have been able to replicate dermal denticles in swimsuits (which are now banned in major competition) and the bottom of boats. This technology enables cargo ships to move through the water with greater efficiency by means of less drag, thus burning less oil and requiring less cleaning chemicals for their hulls; another wonder of this God inspired design.

Scientists are also applying this technique to create surfaces in hospitals that resist bacteria growth. The bacteria can't catch hold on the rough surface, making such surfaces antibacterial and cleaner!

Sharklet Technologies, a Florida-based biotech company, has figured out a way to capitalize on shark skin. Specifically, on the way parasites and bacteria can't stick to sharks. The trick is in the pattern of the skin's surface. Scientists have figured out how to print the pattern onto adhesive film, which wards off bacteria and is ideal for use in places like schools and hospitals where germs are easily spread. Popular Science reports, "The film, which is covered with microscopic diamond-shaped bumps, is the first "surface topography" proven to keep the bugs at bay. In tests in a California hospital, for three weeks the plastic sheeting's surface prevented dangerous microorganisms, such as E. coli and Staphylococcus A, from establishing colonies large enough to infect humans."

The whole field of biomimicry not only focuses us on the complexity and beauty of God’s designs, but when studied, reveal levels of complexity and understanding of physics and chemistry above our own. It always reveals things we did not or could not come up with ourselves after thousands of years of research. Also, the years of intensive research man takes just to discover what God has wonderfully designed, let alone successfully reverse engineer those discoveries, again reveals His marvelous craftmanship and negates any chance for such things to have come into existence by random chance!

**Human and Animal DNA and Earth History**

**The First Woman**

In *Genesis 3:20* we read, “And Adam called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.” What about the whole thing of Adam and Eve? Were there really two first people created by God or is that all a myth? Many evolutionists will tell you it’s all a myth since they believe man evolved from the apes and some form of hominid (ape-man or man) has been around for millions of years.

An interesting piece of evidence is in mitochondrial DNA which shows that all humans (all races) came from the same primordial woman (this is called the “Eve Syndrome” in modern science), not from several races, nor from several “Eves." Anthropologists used to suggest that as many as five races of people evolved from five different groups of African apes long ago, but that theory is now on the wane as this evidence from our DNA shows that we all have come from one first woman, just as the Bible said we did.

****The morphed picture at right is a composite of a million young women’s pictures morphed (averaged) together, so that we see what the average woman across the globe would look like. There are several interesting things about this picture. The first thing that hits me when I look at it, is that she is beautiful. That makes sense from a biblical perspective for a couple of reasons. If God made us, then He likely would have made His creations beautiful or at least appear so to each other. Such appearances are the basis for sexual attraction, so if we were to “multiply and fill the earth” as God directed in Genesis, then we would need to be attracted to one another.

Second, scientific studies show that the most viable of any set of related species is the least differentiated. In the dog breeds it is not the collie, or the dashund, the sheltie, nor the german shepherd which is most fit, but the basic mutt is the healthiest of all dogs, simply because it has not been “inbred” as all of these “pure breeds” were to make those distinctive looking dogs. Such inbreeding limits a species, exagerating traits they all have, but also making them lose the ability to exhibit other traits since they are eliminated from their DNA. In humans the pure breeds are the product of what we would call incest. As we all know, incest does not lead generally to better off spring, but often to ones which are tragically diseased.

It appears that God in his infinite wisdom, attracted us to the average (genetically speaking). That is what we call beautiful and that is what we aspire to mate with, not the pure breeds which genetically would be less fit to survive. In this, we see a beautiful marriage between science and God’s intentions for us to populate the Earth and God’s appreciation of beauty which He programmed into us!

Some people will speculate that this picture, which represents the average of worldwide female DNA, would somehow look like Eve since it represents the composite of Eve’s original DNA. Unfortunately, that is probably not true for a couple of reasons.

First this probably does not resemble the original Eve, even though our mitochondrial DNA says we all came from this orginal woman. However, if the Bible is true, then humanity started over with the eight people who survived the flood by means of Noah’s Ark. Thus, if anyone, the whole world’s DNA and this picture might represent the average of what the wives of Noah’s sons looked like.

This, too, is improbable since DNA research shows that as we have off spring, each generation will vary in terms of different allelles (variations allowed in the genes which cause different skin color, hair color, height, etc., along with mutations which do filter into each generation to the tune of anywhere between two to one hundred mutations of base pair codes per generation). This research shows that after ten generations there is very little if any resemblence between parent and the tenth generation grandson or daughter in their line. Thus, even though we are all descended from Noah and Eve, it is unlikely we look like them.

What is instructive in this photo besides her beauty, which probably does resemble Eve, are her neutral features. She is not white nor black. Eve would have had in her DNA the vast diversity of skin colors, hair colors, sizes, facial features, height and so many more attributes which have all differentiated since Eve to give us all the people groups and the seven billion individuals we see in the world today.

**Evidence that were Created and did not Evolve from Chimps**

The Bible says we were specially created by God, and that the kinds are fixed so that only humans produce humans, chimpanzees produce chimps and rhinos rhinos. This is at odds with the current evolutionary hypothesis, which says that we evolved such that minute changes over long periods of time allowed fish to turn into amphibians, amphibians into reptiles, reptiles into birds and mammals, and mammals into man.

Current DNA research supports the Bible’s account and not evolution’s story. It has often been said that chimp DNA is only about 1% different than human DNA, which was evidence touted to support the evolutionary thesis. However, further research in the past decade has shown this not to be true. We are more than 30% different from chimps in our DNA. The techniques used to say that we were only 1% different were highly questionable and do not meet good scientific standards.

If evolution were true, then our DNA should be filled mostly with random DNA codes and only a few which truly code for living chemical structures. This, again, seemed to be the case when research published over the last few decades reported that 98% of our DNA was what was called “junk DNA” which fit well into the evolutionary narrative. However, the ENCODE research from the last decade has blown all of that previous thought away. ENCODE, conducted by multiple research groups from labs all over the world, found that junk DNA does not exist. Their research showed the 98% of our DNA which are not genes (areas of base pairs which code for proteins and chemical compounds), is full of genetic switches and computerlike check codes which tell the cells and body when to make certain chemical compounds, when not to, and hundreds of other living process checks and directions. This research verified that at least 80% of our DNA is coded with operative information and not usless junk. The researchers further concluded that with more research they expected to find that essentially 100% of the DNA is coded with such useful information. This research is right in line with the biblical narrative of our being specially designed, but is at odds with the evolutionary hypothesis.

The DNA in our cells is information coded with three dimensional chemical codes, more complex than computer codes. Computer scientists will tell you that coded information does not happen by chance and neither is it communicated by chance; not in computers nor within organelles within a cell, nor within organs of the body.

**The First Man**

The Bible says, “Wherefore, as by one man, sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so, death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned” (*Romans 5:12*).

We also read in *1 Corinthians 15:45* that Adam was “the first man.” God did not start by making a race of men. Both New Testament scriptures agree with the book of Genesis which says we all came from a first man. Amazingly, just like the **Eve Syndrome** was discovered in female mitochondrial DNA, there is DNA evidence that we came from a single first man just as the Bible says we did.

Human DNA is composed of 46 collections or strands of the DNA molecule called chromosomes. The “Y” chromosome determines our sexuality among other things. “Y” Chromosome analysis shows we all came from one original man.

The morphed picture at right shows what the average of a million young males from across the world looks like. We find the same things in this picture that we did in the female morphed picture. He is very attractive to us. Thus, it appears we are programmed to be attracted to what is the average of DNA structure. His skin color and features are neither black nor white. He is in the middle (average) of all these. Again, this picture probably does not exactly resemble either Adam or Noah, but it does probably show both of their general appearances, since their DNA would have contained the genetic potential for all the variety we see in the world today.

**Noah’s Daughters In-laws**

There is one additional thing which has been found in our DNA which corresponds to the biblical account. Analysis of female DNA from all over the world reveals three types of Mitochondrial DNA. Is it just accidental that if the Bible is true, that our current population was given to us from the DNA production of the three wives of Noah’s sons as these three young women restarted the human race? I think not.

**Genetics Agrees with the Bible to an Amazing Extent!**

So, what does the most up to date DNA evidence show us? Modern mitochondrial DNA evidence tells us that we all came from a first human woman (“Eve Syndrome”). Further analysis of this same mitochondrial DNA shows that there are three types of mitochondrial DNA which exactly corresponds to what we would predict if the biblical account were true! Analysis of “Y” chromosome DNA in males all over the world reveals that we all came from a single first man. How could the Bible have gotten all this right over three thousand years ago when we have only discovered this in complex genetic structures in the last few years?

**Goat and Sheep DNA and the Bible**

DNA testing has shown that all living goats are descended from five original female goats. Also, DNA research has shown that all living sheep are descended from three or four original females. Normally, according to the evolutionary hypothesis, there should have been one original female, which had the complete set of mutations, variations and special genetic markers which make the original goat species come about. Why, then, should there be, in both species, three to five original and distinct DNA types? Why multiple original pairs and not from one original goat or sheep as evolution would have expected? Fortunately, the Bible has the answer!

God instructed Noah to take seven pairs of each type of “clean” animal on board the ark in order to have animals for sacrifice after the flood receded as well as to repopulate the Earth. These animals may also have been used to provide food after the flood as the earth was repopulated with plants and animals. Thus, from the biblical account, we would not expect all modern breeds of sheep and goats to be traced back to only one original pair of sheep or goats, but something less than seven pairs.

Apparently, Noah sacrificed two pairs of goats and two or three pairs of sheep after the flood or two or three lines of each species became extinct between then and now (a very reasonable and expected conjecture). Or one of these original female lines could have been lost due to disease, or accident shortly after the flood. All sheep and goats in the world today descended from the remaining animals carrying these sets of DNA markers.

Thus, DNA testing of sheep and goats exactly matches what would be expected if the Bible and the worldwide flood actually occurred and are in fact literal historical reality. Again, and again we find that the Bible is the only truly accurate source of truth for such ancient historical knowledge. (B. Bower, **Science News**, October 14, 2006)

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**Popcorn and a Movie Nights, FREE at FEAST**

 **Fourth Mondays**, **January - April, 2018, from 6:30 – 8pm**

****You are invited to attend this free monthly movie night at FEAST. Pack up the kids, grandma and grandpa and sure, bring your neighbors to enjoy awe inspiring and thought-provoking videos and delicious popcorn! Movies are a great way to learn truth as well as opening teachable moments to reinforce God to our children. Here are the movies selected for this coming spring, 2018:

February - **Is Genesis History?**

March - **Unlocking the Mystery of Life**

April - **Darwin: The Voyage that Shook the World**

In addition to the movie, popcorn and creation teaching, at each of these events we will offer a “hands on” young children’s program, as well as the availability of browsing and procuring items from our stock of hundreds of creation science materials.

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**Is Genesis History?** Is returning to theaters for a 1-year anniversary!

We are excited to announce that the film will be coming back to theaters for a special anniversary showing in theaters on Feb. 22nd in selected theaters. The film will include an updated value-added portion of Del Tackett hosting college students at the Ark Encounter.

**Prayer Needs and Praises!**

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

**Dave and Mary Jo Nutting, AOI** – Dave is still recovering from an auto accident with a partial hearing loss. Also, please pray for Dave and Mary Jo’s ministry at AOI.

**John and Eileen Pendleton** doing creation and gospel ministry in Zacatecas Mexico, Central and South America, and Cuba! Pray for support and funding.

**SABBSA’s schedule for Spring 2018**

Please join the **San Antonio Bible Based Science Association** this year as we provide exciting video and live presentations in creation science! Our monthly meetings occur on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. Our meetings will be at **Grady's Restaurant** at the **corner of San Pedro and Jackson-Keller**. The address is 6510 San Pedro Ave, San Antonio, TX 78216.

Here is our schedule of programs over the next few months:

February 13, 2018 - **Incredible Creatures that Defy Evolution, part II**

March 13, 2018 - **Incredible Creatures that Defy Evolution, part III** April 2018 - **Echoes of the Jurassic**

May 8, 2018 - **Evolution: The Grand Experiment, vol. 2: Living Fossils.**

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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 upcoming this fall:

2/3 **Living Fossils**

2/10 **David Rives, part I**

2/17 **David Rives, part II**

2/24 **Belief in God's Word in Israel, part I**

3/3 **Belief in God's Word in Israel, part II**

3/10 **Belief in God's Word in Israel, part III**

3/17 **Scholars and Skeptics (William Ramsey)**

3/24 **Pre-history of Evolutionary theory**

3/31 **Climate Change from a Christian Perspective**

There are several ways you can help with this exciting ministry. 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.

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://am630theword.com/content/all/am-630-the-word-podcasts)

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

**Cartoon Corner**

Thanks to **Answers in Genesis** who provides these cartoons each month for our newsletter and our presentations. Please think about donating to them in gratitude for this and all the ministries they give us.

**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. 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:**

The Museum of Earth History uses the highest quality research replicas of dinosaurs, mammals and authentic historical artifacts to not only lay out for the visitor a clear and easily understood connection between Genesis and Revelation, but will do so in an entertaining and intellectually challenging way. Open M-F 9 to 6. <http://visitcreation.org/item/museum-of-earth-history-dallas-tx/>

**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. <http://dfw-mios.com/>

**Abilene:**

The Discovery Center is a creation museum/emporium that exists primarily to provide scientific and historic evidence for the truthfulness of God’s word, especially as it relates to the creation/evolution issue. It also features some fascinating “Titanic Disaster” exhibits. <http://evidences.org/index.html>

**Lubbock Area (Crosbyton):**
All year: Consider a visit to the Mt. Blanco Fossil Museum, directed by Joe Taylor. The Museum is 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 creation audio programs 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.

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**Last Month at SABBSA**

**Incredible Creatures that Defy Evolution, part I**

This video entered the fascinating world of animals to reveal sophisticated and complex designs that shake the traditional foundations of evolutionary theory. It also presents powerful evidence that proves that animal designs can only be attributed to a creator. They cannot possibly be explained by evolution. This program will inspire you to look more closely at the world around you.

This is the first in a three-part series from Dr. Jobe Martin which will astound you. We will present parts 2 and 3 in February and March respectively. We request that as many educators, education ministers and youth ministers from churches and church schools attend to evaluate this series for use in their schools and churches.



**Next SABBSA Meeting:
Tuesday, February 2018, at 7 pm**

**Coming to SABBSA in February**

**Incredible Creatures that Defy Evolution, part II**

How can certain birds navigate over thousands of miles of ocean and never get lost? How do fireflies and glowworms create pure light that generates no heat? How do great whales dive to the bottom of the ocean without pressure causing them to implode? How can some creatures be cut in half and still regenerate themselves, even grow a new head? What incredible flying insect became the inspiration for the design of the helicopter? These are questions to be explored and animals which will answer with God’s amazing designs in the second part of our series of films to start the New Year.

Other animals discussed include: hippopotamus, bears, elephants, and sparrows. This is the second in a three-part series from Dr. Jobe Martin which will astound you. We will present part three in March.

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