

THOUGHTS

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F NOT AS YET IDENTIFIED HERO

Christians and the secular world are starting to realize that David was not some kid who happened to connect on a lucky shot at the giant Philistine, Goliath. He was uniquely prepared with deadly skill in the use of the sling, having saved the flock from both the bear and the lion.

E As our women's Bible class discussed Saul, Israel's first King, we noted how he heard of David's ridicule of Goliath and refusal to be intimidated by him. Saul had offered riches, his daughter's hand in marriage, and permanent exemption of taxes for the family of the man who could defeat Goliath – that's how desperate he and the army were. David was confident he could dispatch the nemesis (see I Samuel 16:14-17:58).

R Why would the king entertain the claims of a young boy of perhaps 14 years of age? The Lord had placed David in Saul's presence as the musician to play to soothe Saul's troubled spirit. He seemed to have mental/spiritual disturbance, and David's ministering to him brought restoration. We surmise that when Saul heard that it was David who was willing to slay Goliath, he thought seriously about it because he knew of the boy's skills, devotion, and confidence borne of trust in God, not youthful arrogance. Had Saul not trusted that David was an unusually gifted and committed young man, the battle might have turned out differently. He was a not-as-yet-identified hero, but he became a household name after the fight!

A How interesting that the Lord brought David into the orbit of the king before the youth's other talents, such as deadly marksmanship with a sling, were called upon. How often does God arrange meetings ahead of schedule, that is, prior to the higher purpose for the relationship to be established? It should make us contemplate the purpose of the relationships we establish, and how we might be useful for Christ's Kingdom in the future!

R GOD IS WITH YOU ON THE CLOUDY DAYS, TOO!

y We had a stretch of two weeks without much sunshine. It takes work to mentally stay buoyant during such gloom. It helps to think of the sun still powerfully heating the Earth. Likewise, the mercy of God is always beaming upon His children. He invites all to bask in His grace, to know His good intent is to give eternal life to humans through Jesus. Our moods vary, but His faithfulness is never ending. Our salvation is not dependent upon how we feel but on God's consistent love! It helps to think of your faith as like a tree growing through seasons, not as a light bulb either functioning or not.

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GO EAT WORMS

The latest in the never-ending line of ridiculous fossils claimed as "missing links" is a worm. All manner of speculation will be given about the worm fossil. You only need to know one thing, genetic, molecular, and cellular research in the lab (actual hard science versus the soft/philosophical science of such paleontological viewpoints as a 220M-year-old worm) have already shown that both DNA, molecules, and cells are incapable of macroevolution. Ergo, the worm is not a missing link to anything more than other worms. The discoverers and proponents of the worm as a missing link can go eat worms.

The state of secular humanist science is so deplorable that no amount of evidence, though conclusive, will dislodge Evolutionists from their zealot-like adherence to macroevolution and deep time. However, the worm does support the Intelligent Design and Christian Flood theory which provides ample evidence of how such soft-bodied creatures were buried and preserved through rapid fossilization. Though larger fossils with bones are now showing they have soft tissues preserved in them (another nail in the coffin of macroevolution and deep time), one would not expect that of the worm as it is smaller and would be fossilized thoroughly more easily. The comment is made in the article that "remarkably" the worm's tiny jaws and teeth survived fossilization. Here is another expected outcome from the Flood theory, as there are already many examples of soft-bodied animals and animal parts that are preserved astoundingly well in the fossil record. That is because the flood deposited a mixture of land and sea creatures inland in miles-deep sedimentary layers! Yet, we find the soft tissues preserved. When you take those two facts together, soft-bodied animals preserved exceptionally well and soft tissues still present in a wide and growing number of fossilized animals, they present strong evidence of the global Flood!

I have some articles in my file that span decades pertaining to claims of new missing links. Note that at the onset, they are typically challenged, not held universally even by Darwinists, to be transitional (missing links). Over a time frame anywhere from months to several years, the debate about them rages, and ultimately they are classified as some known phyla. In other words, they all get slotted into an existing animal group. The same happens with the claimed hominid, human precursor, fossils. There are many claims, but a true paucity of hard evidence of actual transition. But, again, it doesn't matter, because since DNA, molecules, and cells don't morph, neither do the larger body parts.

Perhaps in the next few years, there will be about another 100 or so claimed "missing links" found, until there are so many that it becomes obvious that paleontologists are philosophically driven in science, and have the propensity to call any unique find a missing link for notoriety, money, tenure, grants, etc.

Unearthed, the 220 million-year-old 'missing link' in evolution (msn.com)

Blessings,
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