

# The Messenger

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## All Clocks Have a Clockmaker

by Kyle Butt, M.A.

In 1802, William Paley published his famous book *Natural Theology*, in which he presented the watchmaker analogy. He explained that if a person were to stumble across a well-designed watch in the middle of the woods, the complexity of the watch would be evidence that an intelligent designer made the machine. His analogy is an extension of the more formal teleological argument, which simply states that if there is design in nature, that design demands the existence of a designer. The Hebrews writer used the same line of reasoning when he wrote: "For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God" (3:4).

Cutting-edge biological research has added some fresh insight to this ancient wisdom. Malcolm Ritter recently reported on work done by Akhilesh Reddy of Cambridge University and Joseph Bass of Northwestern University (2011). Their research, published in *Nature* centers on the built-in clocks that are housed in the cells of the human body. Ritter wrote, "even the cells throughout our body have their own 24-hour clocks to coordinate activities at the cellular level. Now new research suggests these internal timepieces may be more complicated than scientists thought" (2011).

How interesting! Our body is filled with trillions of cells that contain complicated clocks. Man-made clocks are complex and effective. If a person found such a device in the middle of the forest, he would be forced to conclude it was intelligently designed. The same is true of the biological clocks found in the body.

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*This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you... (1 John 1:5).*

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## VISITORS, WELCOME!

Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP

5:00 p.m. WORSHIP

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

We have Bible classes for all ages & Pew Packers on 1st & 3rd Sundays at 4:15 p.m.

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## **"God isn't Bound by Time!"**

by Eric Lyons, M.Min.

Although for millennia Genesis chapter one had been understood as the original creation of the Universe that took place in six literal, majestic days, within the last two centuries many have been duped into believing that the billions of years required for evolution must fit somewhere within the first chapter of the English Bible. For numerous “Bible believers,” evolutionary dating methods have become the father of biblical interpretation. Therefore, we are told that God spent, not six literal days, but billions of years creating the Universe and everything in it. We frequently hear such statements as: (1) “God is not bound by time”; (2) “God could have taken as much time as he wanted while creating the Universe and everything in it”; and (3) “Billions of years could have elapsed between Genesis 1:1 and 1:3.” To say that Creation did not last millions or billions of years, supposedly, is to limit Almighty God.

There is no question that God is not bound by time. He is the infinite, eternal, all-powerful, all-knowing Creator. The point, however, is not whether God is outside of time (cf. Psalm 90:2), but what God has revealed to us—both in Genesis 1 and in the rest of the Bible. God could have created the Universe in any way He so desired; in whatever order He wanted, and in whatever time frame He so chose. He could have created the world and everything in it in six hours, six minutes, six seconds, or in one millisecond—He is, after all, God Almighty (Genesis 17:1). But the question is not what God could have done; it is what He said He did. And He said that He created everything in six literal days. When God gave the Israelites the Ten Commandments, He stated:

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it (Exodus 20:8-11, emp. added).

This Sabbath command can be understood properly only when the days of the week are considered regular 24-hour days.

Based upon God’s use of words throughout Scripture which represent time periods that are much longer than a regular day (cf. Genesis 1:14; 2 Peter 3:8), we can rightly conclude that God could have revealed to man that this world was created over a vast period of time. [He could have used the Hebrew word *dôr*, which means long periods of time.] The fact is, however, God said He created this world and everything in it in six days (Genesis 1; Exodus 20:11; 31:17; cf. Psalm 33:9; 148:5; Mark 10:6).

Question: What’s wrong with the way God said He did it?

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## "After Reading a Book on Dinosaurs in the Third Grade..."

by Kyle Butt, M.A.

On Tuesday, March 16, Kathryn Satterfield published an article titled "A Double Dinosaur Discovery" that was featured in the on-line periodical Time for Kids, an affiliate of Time magazine. In the article, she told about two research teams that each found dinosaur fossils in Antarctica. Interestingly, the finds came less than a week apart. This unprecedented "double discovery" was definitely news in the scientific community. James Martin and William Hammer led the two teams. Hammer's team found what appears to be a plant-eating sauropod dinosaur that, according to the article, lived 200 million years ago. Martin's team found what they think to be a theropod, a group that includes meat-eaters like the tyrannosaur. Martin's dinosaur supposedly lived about 70 million years ago.

While these finds are intriguing, the old ages assigned to them are inaccurate and should be examined with a critical eye. According to this line of thinking, humans did not evolve on the Earth until about 4-6 million years ago, which would separate humans and dinosaurs by about 60 million years. The Bible, however, plainly states that Adam was created on the same day of Creation as all land-dwelling creatures, which would include the dinosaurs (Genesis 1:24-31). Furthermore, much scientific evidence puts humans and dinosaurs on the Earth at the same time in the same locations ([Harrub and Thompson](#), 2003). This article by Satterfield, as well as this entire fossil discovery, is being plied by the evolutionists to teach their false theory.

Think through this critically. This article appeared in a resource for children. Thus, the target audience is children. The author of this article is influencing children to believe in an evolutionary theory that requires millions of years, and runs contrary to what the Bible teaches. What kind of impact will this have on the children who read the article? James Martin, the leader of one of the research teams, tells us in no uncertain terms: "After reading a book on dinosaurs in the third grade, I decided I would work on fossils" (Satterfield, 2004, emp. added).

James Martin read a book on dinosaurs in the third grade that changed his life forever. Will the children who are reading this article one day say the same thing? We must never underestimate the power of books, articles, and the printed page; a power for great good or devastating evil. Furthermore, we must never underestimate how much children are influenced by what they read and hear. Let's make sure we guard our children from false theories like evolution, and arm them with the truth about the Creator.

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# NEWS & NOTES

## *Please Pray*

**Renee Davis**--as she continues to recover.  
**Georgia Bayless** has the flu, Cali & Ginger have been sick as well.  
**Ainsley Moore**--respiratory infection.  
**Wiley & Betty Tuggle.**  
**Caleb Baker**--kidney stone.  
**Tim II, Rachel, & Titus Wilkes** with full time mission work.  
**Tim & Lynn Wilkes** are in Hawaii conducting Fishers of Men Classes.  
**Billy Bland** will be gone most of the month of April on different Gospel Meetings.

## *Family & Friends*

**Myra Davis' mother**--was taken to the hospital last week.  
**Carol Busch**--grandmother of Clifton's friend, may have cancer. Has to have a biopsy.  
**Gloria Angel**--Clifton's grandmother, her health is not well, but doctors have not been able to diagnose.  
**Sandy Robertson**--Jason's friend's mother--diagnosed with cervical cancer, but they believe they were able rid the cancer by the removal of a mass because caught early.  
**Faye McCorry**--Inez's sister passed away.  
**Alegra Strong; Aaliyah Whitehead; Rebecca Chadwick Amy Meredith; Brandon Finley**  
**Clay Collums**--Terry's brother, has had to go back for more radiation treatment.  
**Bob Spurlin; David Bragg.**  
**Doyce "Doc" Hunt**--Jared Browns grandfather.  
**Brianna Edwards; Joe Culbreath; James Angel; Steve Angel; Dave Leonard, Sr.**

**Let us not forget to pray for the works being done through Fishers of Men, Far East Missions, and the Open Door Ministry.**

## **March Anniversary**

Herbert & Helen Bowman 3/29

## **March Birthdays**

Ginger Bayless	3/9	Payton Jackson	3/29
Brianna Davis	3/14	Beau Davis	3/30
Betty Duke	3/18	Joe Davis	3/30
Ella Brown	3/21	Beverly Hays	3/31
Johnny Bayless	3/24		

## *Get Involved!*

**VBS Planning Meeting: March 20.**  
 Tonight after PM services.

**Coldwater Work Day: Sat, March 26**

**Forest Hill Annual Youth Day: March 26**  
 Theme: Shine Jesus Shine, 9AM.

**45<sup>th</sup> MSOP Lectureship: March 27-31**  
 "The Behavior of Faith"

**Sunday Night for the Savior**  
 April 3 after evening services

**Bible Bowl--Matthew 19-21**  
 April 9, 5:00PM

## *Privileged to Serve*

### Sunday, March 20

#### *Morning*

Prayer Before Class	Andy Ratliff
Announcements	Ron Johnson
Song Leader	Caleb Baker
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jerry Davis
	Jeremy Moore
	Adam Sowell
	Chris Holmes
	Johnny Bayless
Opening Prayer	Clifton Angel
Sermon	Wiley Tuggle
Closing Prayer	

#### *Evening*

Song Leader	Caleb Baker
Opening Prayer	Billy Bland
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jeffrey Ferrell
	Jeremy Moore
	Jim Jackson
Closing Prayer	

### Wednesday, March 23

Song Leader	Caleb Baker
Prayer	Jerry Davis
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Shane Staten