
FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

ANOTHER ALLEGED DINO-BIRD

The University of Edinburgh and the Chinese Academy of Geological Sciences have announced the discovery of the latest candidate for the missing link in bird evolution. *Zhenyuanlong* (*zhenyuan's dragon*) is the name of a fossilized "winged dinosaur." The 6-foot creature is said to have looked "exactly like a turkey or a vulture." It had "real wings" with vaned feathers on its short arms and tail, but didn't fly. The interpretation of the artifact is given an evolutionary twist, not because of the evidence itself, but because that is the presumption in the minds of the scientists. Lead researcher Dr. Steve Brusatte says, "So maybe [wings] did not evolve for flight--perhaps they evolved as a display structure, or to protect eggs in the nest. Or maybe this animal was starting to move around in the trees and was able to glide" ("Dinosaur find: Velociraptor ancestor was 'winged dragon,'" *BBC News*, July 17, 2015). This is pure presumption. It is



nothing but guesswork. There is zero evidence that wings and flight "evolved." For a "dinosaur" to evolve into a bird would require massive additions of perfectly-ordered information in the DNA to create new, breathtakingly-complex structures, and evolution has never proposed a creative mechanism that could

produce such change. "Natural selection," at best, can only select within the framework of existing genetic information. As for mutations, they are genetic errors. They are neutral at best and are often highly destructive. Mutations do not build layer upon layer of complex, perfectly-ordered genetic code. Whatever "Zhenyuanlong" was, it was not something that evolved. There are a bewildering variety of flying creatures (birds, mammals, reptiles, and insects) as well as winged creatures that don't fly (e.g., emu, ostrich), and Zhenyuanlong fit somewhere within these categories.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD DIRECTOR DESCRIBES SALE OF BABY BODY PARTS IN UNDERCOVER VIDEO

The following is excerpted from "Exposed: Planned Parenthood," *Christian News Network*, July 14, 2015, and "Planned Parenthood Downplays Video," *Christian News Network*, July 15, 2015: "A video released Tuesday by the Center for Medical Progress shows a top Planned Parenthood director explaining in graphic detail how the abortion giant harvests and sells baby body parts and organs nationwide--a practice that is a felony under federal law. The Center for Medical Progress released the video as the next in its 'Human Capital' investigative series, as it researches the organization's illegal sales of fetal body parts in America. 'Planned Parenthood's criminal conspiracy to make money off of aborted baby parts reaches to the very highest levels of their organization,' director David Daleiden remarked in a statement. 'Elected officials must listen to the public outcry for Planned Parenthood to be held accountable to the law and for our tax dollars to stop underwriting this barbaric abortion business.' The video features abortionist Deborah Nucatola, Planned Parenthood Federation of America's senior director of medical services, who oversees the practices of all the 700-plus Planned Parenthood locations

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nationwide. Nucatola thinks she's having a business dinner with representatives of a fetal tissue procurement company, but what she doesn't know is that the man and woman that she is speaking with are undercover investigators and are recording her conversation. During the discussion, as she munches nonchalantly on salad, Nucatola explains in detail how the organs and extremities of the aborted babies are decidedly removed intact so that they can be sold to buyers. She outlines that the organization is paid between \$30 to \$100 per 'specimen.' ... [Nucatola says,] 'I'd say a lot of people want liver. And for that reason, most providers will do this case under ultrasound guidance, so they'll know where they're putting their forceps. ... We've been very good at getting the heart, lung, liver, because we know that, so "I'm not gonna crush that part. I'm gonna basically crush below, I'm gonna crush above, and I'm gonna see if I can get it all intact.'" ... She mentions a 'list' that she refers to in supplying the body parts that are in demand. ... Planned Parenthood released a statement on Tuesday following public disgust over the video, downplaying the matter by stating that the organization gives women the option of having their baby's bodies donated to medical research. ... The Center for Medical Progress likewise released a statement after Planned Parenthood downplayed the undercover video footage. 'Planned Parenthood makes two key admissions in their statement today: 1) aborted fetal parts are harvested at their clinics, and 2) money is exchanged in connection with this,' it wrote. 'They also tell several lies: 1) That proper consent is obtained from patients, 2) That Planned Parenthood does not make money off the body parts, and 3) that everything is legal.'"

RICK WARREN TO JOIN HANDS WITH THE POPE

Pastor Rick Warren of Saddleback Church (Southern Baptist), author of *The Purpose Driven Life*, is scheduled to speak at Pope Francis' Festival of Families in Philadelphia in September. Other speakers include three Catholic cardinals and a Jewish rabbi ("Papal Mass in Philadelphia," *Catholic Herald*, Jun. 26, 2015). I would ask Pastor Warren the following question: If a man prays to Mary, trusts her intercession and help, and considers baptism the new birth, and believes that a piece of bread is the very body and blood of Jesus (as the pope does), is he a saved man or is he following "another gospel" and "another spirit"? Rick Warren is one of the most influential preachers in the world, and he is the blind leading the blind. The fact that the Southern Baptist Convention has not publicly reproved his error and compromise and removed his church from its rolls is proof of that convention's rebellion to God's Word.



THREE STAGES OF JIHAD

Gene Gurganus, former missionary to Muslims, explains that there are three stages of Islamic jihad (*Peril of Islam*, pp. 114-115). First there is **the weakened stage**, which applies to Muslims living as a minority in a non-Muslim country. “At this stage, Muslims follow the word given to Mohammed in Mecca: ‘There is no compulsion in religion’ (Surah 2:256).” Second, there is **the preparation stage**, which is reached when Muslims are a reasonably influential minority. At this stage they make preparations in every possible area--financial, physical, military, mental and any other. Surah 8:59-60 says, “Against them [unbelievers] make ready your strength to the utmost of your power, including steeds of war, to strike terror into (the hearts) of the enemies of Allah and your enemies, and others besides whom you may not know, but whom Allah knows.” The third stage is **the jihad stage**, which commences “when Muslims are a minority with strength, influence and power.” At this stage “every Muslim’s duty is to actively fight the enemy, overturning the system of the non-Muslim country and establishing Islamic authority.” This stage is based on the final revelation Mohammed received concerning jihad, which is Surah 9:5 -- “Fight and slay the Pagans wherever you find them, and seize them, beleaguer them, and lie in wait for them in every stratagem [of war].” Thus, “Muslims are commanded to kill everyone who chooses not to convert to Islam. The verse says wherever you find them. There are no geographical limits” (*Peril of Islam*, p. 114).

FINANCIAL HELP FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIAN BAKERY

About \$450,000 has been given to help the owners of the Oregon bakery Sweet Cakes who are being persecuted for their Christian faith by lesbians and the state government. After Melissa and Aaron Klein refused to bake a wedding cake for a same-sex couple, they were found guilty of “violated the civil rights of a same-sex couple” (“Oregon Rules Bakery Violated Couple’s Civil Rights,” *CBS Seattle*, Jan. 21, 2014). Under the Oregon Equality Act of 2007, citizens may not be denied service “based on sexual orientation or gender identity.” In July, the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industry (BOLI) ordered the Kleins to pay \$135,000 in damages to the lesbians for “emotional suffering.” The ruling states that citizens should have “the ability to enter public places, to shop and dine, to move about unfettered by BIGOTRY,” thus labeling the Kleins’ Christian faith bigotry. The Kleins are appealing the ruling. In the meantime, a flood of help has been given through the crowd funding organization Continue to Give and through Samaritan’s Purse. The Kleins have stood their ground in spite of an outpouring of filthy remarks and death threats by homosexuals. Of BOLI Commissioner Brad Avakian, Aaron Klein said, “This man has no power over me. He seems to think he can tell me to be quiet. That doesn’t sit well with me and I refuse to comply.” Mr. Klein accused the BOLI of ordering him not to speak publicly about the case--an order he said is unconstitutional. “When my constitutional freedoms have been violated by the state I’m going to speak out” (“Christian bakers fined \$135,000,” *Fox News*, July 3, 2015).



WHY DID GOD GIVE US FINGERPRINTS?

The following is from CreationMoments.com, July 14, 2015: “Criminals who have been linked to a crime through their fingerprints may not be happy that they were born with a unique pattern of ‘wrinkles’ on their fingertips. But we can all be glad that God gave us fingerprints because they greatly improve our sense of touch. Scientists in France performed a series of experiments with artificial fingertips made of rubber-like sensors. They then compared the sensitivity between these grooved artificial fingertips and a smooth skin-like material to see if the grooved fingertips made a difference in the sense of touch. What they discovered surprised them. The grooved fingertips produced vibrations up to 100 times stronger than the smooth material when sliding against a slightly rough surface. The researchers concluded that these increased vibrations provide us with a greater ability to detect textures. When rubbing your fingers across a textured surface, your fingerprints amplify vibrations that stimulate the nerve endings in your skin. This then allows us to identify objects by touch. Knowing that we need our sense of touch to work from every direction, our Creator designed our fingerprints to appear in elliptical swirls. This loop design ensures that some ridges are always brushing perpendicular to a surface, no matter the

orientation of our fingertips. Such research may help scientists design prosthetic hands with enhanced tactile feedback. Once again, when science copies designs found in living things, it is copying the designs put in living things by their Creator, whether they recognize that fact or not!”



CONCLUSION

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