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have very useful purposes. This is also known as biomimicry. The fact that people actually admire the plants and animals' bodies and behaviours implies that they could not have been a product of a meaningless process based on pure chance and survival of the fittest. Instead, it would be easier and much more preferable to trust in creation, in which plants and animals were made by an all-wise God (Gen 1:31).

Also, in recent times, evidence has surfaced to rebut evolution. This is in cryptozoology, the study of hidden animals. Some of these hidden animals are described to be like extinct animals scientists believe to have died out millions of years ago. One example of a previously thought dead animal is the coelacanth, a large fish. It has actually already been discovered as a fish species officially, but it was believed to have become extinct millions of years ago. This would astonish your mind if you were an evolutionist who was sure this fish was long gone. But change millions of years to 6000 years and the reappearance of this fish will be much easier to understand. Dinosaurs and pterosaurs are among the cryptids.

The Bible, revealing the account of the creation, thus cannot be a myth. Physical evidences are at best, only supportive. By faith and God's grace, I believe in the Bible (Romans 1:17).

Essay No. 2 "I believe in Creation" by Joelle Cheong age 15 years.

"Hey! That's really cool!"

I still clearly remember that that was my first response to our first science lesson on evolution. As a young primary school child, like many others who went through the Singapore education system, I blindly believed all that was presented to me as the truth and never dared to question the teacher. During that time, the theory seemed faultless, given evidences from fossil finds as well as seeing adaptations of the creatures in my science textbook. I stared in awe at how the bird's beak would adapt, given a certain natural environment — from hooked beaks for tearing meat, to long beaks to probe the mud for fish and crustaceans. Though I had always been a Bible-believing Christian since young, never did it occur to me that what I have been learning in school clashes with my Christian faith. But I thank God for the messages that He has blessed me with in church. These have opened my eyes to see the attacks of the satanic Darwinian theory on our Christian

faith. I have known many friends who have started doubting their own faith as its foundation was slowly being eroded by the Darwinian theory taught in schools. But I thank God for Creation Ministry's movie "The Voyage that shook the World" which I was able to lend to them to uncover the crumbling links behind what seemed to be the fortress of evolution.

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." (Ephesians 6:12)

What students are taught in school about how the world began does no justice to God and His Creation. The marvel of the delicate balance of the ecosystem, the marvel of the human body, and even that of a single cell, how can all these be attributed merely to a chemical reaction? Surely there is more to this marvel than a cell multiplying itself and adapting along the way!

Imagine you are sitting in a room with many small parts and gears. Suddenly, lightning strikes and all the parts come together and become an iPhone, its screen lights up as the system starts up! "How absurd!" you might say. "This sounds like something out of *Transformers!*" Surprisingly, scientists, scholars, researchers, and other highly educated men believe in this. Gears reassembling themselves are just like how evolutionists have believed that the chemicals achieved the perfect combination to form the first living cell. I thank God for His marvellous Grace that He had removed the veil covering my eyes and helped me see the overwhelming absurdity in the theory of evolution.

From the tiniest ant, to the wheat swaying in the wind, to the stars which twinkle in the night sky, each one is a living evidence of the presence of the Creator of the universe. How else would everything be so perfectly made to work in clockwork precision? How else would beauty and perfection show forth throughout the universe?

"And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day." (Genesis 1:31)

As a science student, I believe in Creation as I see the overwhelming evidence that proves the presence of a Creator. But as a Christian, I believe in Creation simply because the Word of God says so and because I believe in God the Almighty Creator. Amen.

More next week! God bless all readers.

Faithfully in the Lord
Dr SH Tow, Sr Pastor



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LORD'S DAY, 6 Jun 2010

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My dear readers,

Apology: Last week's *"The Issue of Issues"* will be concluded on 27 June 2010. - Ed

1. The Battle for Truth

Creation versus Evolution, Faith versus Fiction! It is a holy war of no compromise. Evolution is the product of sinful man's imagination. Creation is God's Word of truth. Listen: *"I am the LORD ... Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker! ... Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, What makest thou ... Woe unto him that saith unto his father, What begettest thou? ... I have made the earth, and created man upon it ..."* (Isaiah 45:5-13). Evolution changes with time, like fashion and fad. In my time, I was taught that man came by evolution, through 500,000 years of struggling up some *"evolutionary ladder."* Today's pundits talk of 3 billion years for *"time and chance"* to do the job. On the other hand God speaks with sublime authority: *"In the beginning God created ..."* (Genesis 1:1).

"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness ... and the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul" (Genesis 1:26, 2:7) — no need of millions or billions of imaginary years. Our God created all things simply in six 24-hour days, according to plan and purpose, perfectly.

In April this year, we launched a *"Creation Essay Testimony."* Twenty essays were received. Our Panel of Judges (Dr Tow, Mr Henry Chua and Mr Samuel Tham) has selected six for progressive publication.

Essay No. 1 "I believe in Creation" by Tim Yap age 14 years.

First, to believe in creation is to believe that God exists and He created the world in 6 literal days about 6000 years ago, ex nihilo. This is recorded in the first chapter of the first book in the Bible. I believe in the Bible.

Evidence for creation is found everywhere in nature — in all things created — all possessing beauty, and different from one another (Gen 1:12, 21, 25). Also, they have irreducible complexity that defies evolution, an opponent to creation. This means that an organism cannot perform a particular function if one part is missing. To add to this, many parts are needed to perfect the organ. Evolution is said to work in a long-term way, to build up more parts over the course of a long period of time and finally complete the organ. This may be logically correct if guided by intelligence, but is otherwise altogether impossible.

To express this point, take the bird for example. Believed by scientists to have originated from small carnivorous dinosaurs with a seemingly similar leg structure, they claim that scales gradually modified into feathers. First of all, scales and feathers are very different things. A feather is a very complex structure. If the scales had indeed been evolving, there should be some sort of midway point, perhaps some kind of hairy flake. But, this hairy flake would have no function at all. It would be wasteful for this animal to evolve something that is of no necessity to it, making this very illogical. Apart from feathers, other parts of the bird's body are very complex, such as the bones, air sacs, etc. Design in plants and animals also bear the marks of creation in them. Some animals can perform amazing feats, like the basilisk lizard's ability to run on the surface of water. Some people actually find inspiration in these mechanisms and body parts and follow them to manufacture items that

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A very warm welcome to visitors and friends in the name of
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

PANDAN FACTS & FIGURES

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10.00 am **Pre-Service Prayer Meeting: JW Sanctuary**
Today: Elder Chew Chong Kiat; **N/W:** Elder Sim Siang Kok

10.15 am Pre-Service Singspiration: **Today:** Elder Chew Chong Kiat ; **N/W:** Ko Lingwei

10.30 am **Lord's Day**

Today **Worship Leaders** : Elder Jeffrey Cheong / Pr Lek Aik Wee
Speaker : Dr SH Tow
Message : **"Remembering with Thanksgiving"** (Phil 1:1-5)

Next Week **Worship Leaders** : Elder Chew Chong Kiat / Dn Eric Lim
Speaker : Dr SH Tow
Message : "The Christian Confidence" (Phil 1:6)

Last Week's (30.05.10) Attendances and Offerings

English Worship	10.30 am	1,140	\$19,467.35	
Junior Worship		146		
Mandarin Worship	8.00 am	176	\$ 4,879.80	
Mandarin JW		34		
SGBF	6.00 pm	380	\$ 5,099.50	US\$2
Prayer Meeting (Tuesday)	8.15 pm	160		

Lord's Day Activities

Basic Bible Knowledge	12.15 pm - 1.15 pm,	Cryroom		
	<i>Today:</i> Integration into ABC / YPG			
ABC	12.15 pm - 1.15 pm,	Rooms #02-05-07		
Teens' Meeting	12.15 pm - 1.15 pm,	JW Sanctuary, #02-03		
Young People Discn Gp (17-20)	12.15 pm - 1.15 pm,	Rooms #04-05 & #04-06		
Library	12.15 pm - 1.30 pm,	Room #03-04		
AV Library	12.15 pm - 1.15 pm,	Room #02-02		
Choir	No practice			
Tracting	1.45 pm, Lobby outside Sanctuary (2nd & 4th Week)			

Lord's Day Duties

	<i>6 June</i>	<i>13 June</i>
Musicians <i>Morning</i>	Adrian Ho / Sharon Lim	Michelle Chiang / Lois Teo
<i>SGBF (6 pm)</i>	Lois Teo / Rachel Han	Samuel Eio / Lee Yu Jie
Greeters	Hiang Hang & Cynthia Yeo	Irene Lim & Jessie Wong
Welcomers	Amy Ang & Catherine Song	Stella Tan & Margaret Seah
Lunch Coupon Sale	Ming Kin & Shevaun	Michael LB Lim & family
Kitchen Duty	YAF	Lee Seck Eng & Ann, Victor & Rita, Nicholas & Eunice, David Fong
Ushers	Choir	Steven Lee, Nam Moon, Heng Wee, Samuel Chiang, Joe Chan, Edgar Teo, Thian Guan, Joseph Lok, Andrew Chiang, SKY, Chee Weng, Kim Hai, Loke Wei Jun

Introduction

Prayer is one of the best gifts given to us by God. To have direct access to God without any human intermediary is the greatest honour and privilege bestowed upon the believer. God commands the believer to enter into His presence boldly. The message is not to be ashamed. Do not be reluctant to come before God. He will accept and receive the believer into His holy presence. His ears will always be inclined to hear his cry. His hand is never too short that He will not come to his aid. He never sleeps nor slumbers. God will always be there for him, any time, any day, and anywhere. There is no issue too big that God is not able to help. There is no issue too small and insignificant that He is not interested in. Therefore God says to the believer, pray without ceasing as you sojourn on this earth.

Nevertheless, believers ignore and tragically abuse prayer. Believers pray when they feel like it, as if God is an emergency exit that they can go to whenever they are in trouble. If all is well, there is no need for prayer. If believers ever ask God for something or for help in time of need, they treat God like a Santa Claus. His demands must be granted on their terms and immediately. When believers do not get what they want from God and according to their time frame, they sulk, murmur, and complain. These kinds of self-serving and man-centred prayers are very common in Christendom today. Pastors pray the same way like their congregation. Like pastor, like members! Believers who pray perfunctory prayers give up very easily and quickly. They regard prayer as stuffing slips of paper into wall cracks, hoping that someday, somehow God will check the wall and decide to answer certain prayers. Sadly, these believers do not expect their prayers to be answered! Persevering prayer is a rare oddity to them.

In this short parable of the unjust judge, the LORD Jesus Christ explains the purpose as well as provides the reason for the parable. The purpose was to teach believers that "men ought always to pray, and not faint."

Elements of the Parable – The unjust city judge refers to God. The widow refers to believers. The widow crying for justice refers to the prayers of the elect.

Explaining the Parable – Since Christ has explained the purpose of the parable, the meaning of this parable is not too difficult to determine. The city judge was not a God fearing man. This means that he feared no one and was accountable to no one, not even God.

He also did not regard man. He was a man of power and probably possessed absolute power in those days. He did what he wanted. He was answerable to no one but himself. He could help if he chose to do so. He had the power to help but the will to help lay with him alone. He was not interested in justice. He helped according to his convenience or fancies. He was not merciful or else he would regard man. If the judge regarded man, then he would have carried out his duties faithfully and judged the interests of all who came to him righteously. However, he did not fear God and cared for no one but himself! The judge was a powerful self-serving despot!

Then, a widow came seeking justice. She lived in the same city as the unjust judge. Nevertheless, he was her judge and she had every right to demand justice from him. The passage does not indicate whether she was a poor or rich widow but only that she came to demand justice because the imperative was used for the word "avenge." The word for adversary is also in 1 Peter 5:8, referring to the Devil. This word describes an opponent in a suit of law. The thrust of this initial scene is that the widow had every right to seek the judge, whose duty was to dispense justice, because of the adversary who had probably taken her to court! She demanded that the judge hear her case!

The widow must have been demanding a hearing from this judge for a short while, as the word "while" means time. Whether it was a short or long time it is not possible to determine with any certainty. However, the fact of the matter is that she did not come to the judge and merely made a perfunctory gesture and then left. She remained and

SGBF Singspiration	Elder Chew Chong Kiat	Elder Chew Chong Kiat
SGBF Ushers	Choir	Steven Lee, Samuel Chiang, Andrew Chiang, Woon Chin, Harsono, John Fong
SGBF Greeters	Michael Yao & Ler Bee Der	Truth BPC
SGBF Welcomers / Dinner Coupon Sales	Soh Poh Choo & Theresa Tan	Ernest Chan & Dn Eric Lim
SGBF Kitchen Duty	Choir	Truth BPC

Activities for the week (7 - 12 Jun)

Tuesday 8.15 pm **PRAYER MEETING** i/c Dn Milton Ang

Saturday 2.30 pm **CMC** (Calvary Mission to Children)

7.00 - 9.00 pm **MYANMAR FELLOWSHIP**: Room #04-05

HOME News & Announcements

1. Last Week's LOVE GIFTS TO DESIGNATED FUNDS: S\$8,347.20

Ann Clements & Family 10, 50, 50, 50, 200, 50, 70 = \$480; **Baraka BP Church** 50, 100, 50, 50, 50 = \$300; **BCEA, Kenya** 50 = \$50; **BCEA, Tanzania** 20 = \$20; **Bethel DC - Chiang Rai** 50, 122, 200, 50, 50, 200, 50, 500 = \$1,222; **CMC** 100 = \$100; **Dignadice Rev (Police & Army Ministry)** 350, 50, 0.20, 50, 1, 5, 10, 50 = \$516.20; **Ethiopian Bible College** 50 = \$50; **FEBC** 10, 25, 50, 50, 50, 100, 10, 10, 50, 50, 400, 500, 100, 12, 50, 50, 50, 50 = \$1,617; **FEBC - Damien** 50 = \$50; **Golden Years** 500, 50 = \$550; **Hilltop** 10, 5, 150, 51 = \$216; **Hilltop Student** 50, 50 = \$100; **John & Eunice Tan** 100, 100 = \$200; **Jordan** 400, 50, 50, 10, 1 = \$511; **Lek Aik Wee, Pr** 50 = \$50; **Lim Wee Chian, Eric** 50 = \$50; **Ling Soon Ing, Pr** 50 = \$50; **Ling Soon Ing (Mrs) - Medical** 80 = \$80; **Pang Kok Hiong Rev** 30, 150, 50, 50, 50, 130 = \$460; **Peter Yoksan, Pr** 100, 50, 50 = \$200; **Pontianak Kalimantan** 50, 100, 10, 100, 10, 50, 20, 50, 10 = \$400; **Quek Suan Yew, Rev (Dr)** 160, 50 = \$210; **RPG - English/Chinese** 70, 100, 50, 20, 50 = \$290; **Saipan/China** 25, 50, 50, 100 = \$225; **David Fong** 50 = \$50; **Tow SH, Dr** 50, 50 = \$100; **Ton Soung Kao, Rev** 200 = \$200

Building Extension (Cost \$2.1 Million) - Collection todate: \$1,872,028.38

Last week: 50, 50, 10, 250, 50, 3000, 1, 200, 50, 20, 62, 150, 100, 260, 50, 1, 50, 172, 50, 10, 3, 50, 30, 100, 50 = **Total: \$4,819.00**

DESIGNATED LOVE GIFT ENVELOPES are available at RPG Rack.

- CONDOLENCES TO KENNY & MABEL TSEN, HANSEL & ZENA** on the homegoing of his father / grandfather in Malaysia on 27 May.
- CONDOLENCES TO SISTER SUSIE TAN** on the homegoing of her father on 2 Jun.
- PASTOR QUEK SUAN YEW** is preaching in Calvary Jaya B-P Church this morning. Please uphold him in prayer.
- GOLDEN YEARS FELLOWSHIP EXCURSION BRIEFING** - There will be a briefing immediately after worship service **TODAY**. All campers are requested to remain in the Main Sanctuary after service.

SUNSET GOSPEL BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

Theme: Victorious Living In Perilous Times

6 Jun (6 pm)

13 Jun (6 pm)

Topic:	"Who Will Not Inherit God's Kingdom"	"Saying You Are A Christian Does NOT Mean You Are A Christian"
Preacher:	Dr SH Tow	Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew
Worship Leader:	Elder Chew Chong Kiat	Preacher Lek Aik Wee

CHURCH CAMP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Campers going by coach, please check the latest updates on the notice board outside of the sanctuary right after service. Immediately inform the camp master, Dn Chia, 96984418, if you find your name missing.

2. Children's Programme

Theme for Pre-school levels: Trusting God in the face of Storms
Theme for Primary levels: The Ministry of Elisha - Spiritual lessons for today
Attire for meetings: Smart casual (shorts, bermudas, sleeveless, slippers, and sandals are not allowed)

- THE CHURCH OFFICES (ENGLISH AND MANDARIN)** will be closed during the week of Church Bible Camp from 7 to 12 June. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.
- CHURCH CAMP** - Will the camper who was issued the receipt, number H067, kindly contact the camp master, Dn Chia @ 96984418?
- PATRIA CG** meets on Fri 18 June in the home of Dn & Mrs Milton Ang. Add: 31 Goldhill Drive, S308879. Newcomers are most welcome.
- "I BELIEVE IN CREATION" ESSAYS** selected for publication are by the following: 1) Tim Yap, 2) Joelle Cheong, 3) Ethel Chow, 4) Foo Tee Jiam, 5) Hia Chek Phong, 6) Chew Yi Wei. God bless the twenty who submitted essays. All were of a high standard.
- CALVARY PANDAN KINDERGARTEN** is looking for a full-time English teacher to teach Nursery or K1 classes from mid-June/early July 2010. Academic & professional requirements are :
* 5 GCE O level passes including a B4 in English
* Diploma in Early Childhood Teaching
Some teaching experience in a preschool setting would be advantageous.
Please call Lilian at 65603884 for an interview or email your CV to cpk@calvarypandan.org
- HELPMEET CG** meets on 18 June, Friday, 8pm, in the home of Sister Angie Quek, for a time of baking fellowship. Add: Blk 290B Bukit Batok St 24 #16-69 Tel: 65665716. Please contact Rachel 96652477 for more details.
- TABERNACLE BOOKS** - Special offer for the month of June. 30% discount on all English Bibles.
- CAUTION** - All members and visitors to the church - please keep your belongings with you at all times.

YEARLY TEENS RETREAT

21 - 24 June
Venue: Camp Challenge Sembawang
Speaker : Dr Paul Ferguson / Theme: One Body In Christ
For more info, contact Ern-Min at 81010695

SIXTH COMBINED YOUTH CONFERENCE 2010

Date: 24 - 26 Jun (Thur - Sat)
Venue: Calvary Pandan B-P Church
Theme: "Peter's Progress: What about mine?"
Speaker : Rev Dr Prabhudas Koshy
Registration closes on **14 Jun**.
Visit www.truthbpc.com/ CYouthConf for more details!

Combined AF Seminar "Be Not Unequally Yoked - Whose Responsibility?"
Speaker: Rev (Dr) Quek Suan Yew
3rd July 2010 (Sat), 5.00 to 7.30 pm,
3rd level Sanctuary
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persisted in her demand and refused to leave until she got her hearing!

After some time had passed, the unjust judge reasoned with himself that “though I fear not God, nor regard man; Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.” This was a selfish statement albeit an honest one. He decided to help not because he wanted to. It was also not because he was the judge and it was his duty. He definitely did not do it because he was concerned about justice. He did it so that the widow would stop pestering him! This is the shocking truth! The unjust judge was tired of her incessant nagging. The reader must bear in mind that parables are true earthly accounts with a spiritual meaning. This means that there were powerful despots in the days of Christ who committed such great injustice!

Applying the Parable – The application of the parable is clearly given by Christ Himself. **6** “And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith. **7** And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? **8** I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?” The contrast is stark and vividly portrayed by Christ. The judge was unjust but he finally answered the widow when she persisted in her demand for justice. God is not remotely like the unjust judge. God is good, always just, gracious and merciful. He will surely answer all who call to Him for justice. He will avenge them speedily.

Jesus asked a rhetorical question that demanded an absolute affirmative reply. Furthermore, believers are not like the widow in terms of her relationship with the judge. She was insignificant in his eyes. However, believers are God’s children. He will surely answer their cries for justice. He knows when His children are being persecuted for the faith. He allows persecutions to happen so that His children will learn to trust Him not only in good times but also in times of adversity.

Christ had just revealed to His disciples (cf. Luke 17:22) some of the signs that would take place before His glorious and global return. They would be tested and persecuted. Many would lose their lives for Christ’s sake and in the defence of God’s holy and perfect Word. They would cry to Him for justice in the face of

these persecutions. However, the persecution will intensify and not relent. Justice will seem to have disappeared from the face of the earth and lawlessness will prevail. Evil will abound and prevail during the final years of humankind’s existence in this known world. God’s children will cry for deliverance but deliverance will not come. Many will die for the faith during the great tribulation. **Revelation 20:4 (KJV)** “And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and *I saw* the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received *his* mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.” All will seem to be lost. The parables of Christ teach all believers to persevere in prayer and never give up. They must trust in God to do what is best and right. God hears. He will answer in His time. Do not doubt Him. Keep on praying. Do not think that His delay in answering the believers’ cries for justice means that God does not care or that He has gone to sleep!

The question is, “when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?” This question from Christ elicits a negative answer. This means that when Christ returns, He will NOT find faith on the earth. The word “faith” is not used with reference to “salvation” faith as if there will be no saved persons on earth when Christ returns. The “faith” used here is with reference to faith-filled persevering prayer. Christ was asking whether He will find believers persevering in prayer as they cry to Him for justice when they are persecuted by the whole world as never before in the last days. The answer is a resounding NO!

Dear readers, the lesson for believers today is to persevere in prayer, even though they know that there will be none persevering in prayer in the last few days before His glorious return. The heat of the great persecution will become so intense that such faith will be absent! In the meanwhile, let all true believers keep on praying. Our heavenly Father knows and hears and sees all that His children are subjected to in this sin-sick world. Never doubt His faithfulness and love and care for His beloved children. Did He not show His love for us by sending Christ to die for us when we were His enemies? How much more now that we are His children! Amen.

*N/W: Elder Goh Kee Tai
F/W: Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew*

