

Dear Friends,

I am sorry that this newsletter is a little late - the reason is that I have been unwell over the last few weeks. Mostly the problems have been connected with my diabetes and I have been put on new medication and it is hoped that this will help. However, I have to remember that I am 67 years old and my GP insists that I cut down on my workload. It is with great sorrow that I have had to resign from some of the things I was involved in and cut down on my speaking engagements – basically just pace myself a bit better.

In February I gave four Bible studies (one a week) to a church in Tredegar. I really enjoyed this series, from comments from the folk there, the congregation also enjoyed it. We looked at **Jesus – God with us** (the nativity); **Jesus – God for us** (in our daily lives); **Jesus – God instead of us** (on the cross); and **Jesus – God coming for us** (the second coming).

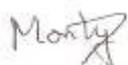
I gave two talks in Worcestershire about Noah's Flood and its geological effects. In spite of its being Valentine's Day the church was packed. There were a good number of people who queued up after the meeting to ask questions that were relevant to what I had been speaking about.

At the end of February I spoke at two meetings that had been organized by a church in Cardiff. On the Friday evening I spoke to a group of international students and explained to them why I believed that you can trust the Bible. This was a challenging meeting as the students were from different parts of the world and English was not their first language. We had a couple of interesting questions which enabled me (and Irene) to explain clearly to these students the way of salvation. On the Saturday evening I spoke to the young people in the Church about why they can trust the Bible. Both meetings were well-attended and the feedback was very positive.



You may have seen me on Revelation TV recently when I did a live interview with Howard Conder via Skype. I was in our dining room in South Wales and Howard was in his studio in Spain. The interview was beamed live to a great number of countries.

God bless you all,



Dr A J Monty White

Neanderthal Artists

Paintings found in caves all over Europe are thought to have been painted by modern humans. Although the Nerja Caves near Malaga in Spain were discovered by a group of boys hunting bats in 1959, recently paintings of seals have been found in these caves and these paintings are believed to be the handiwork of the Neanderthals and this has caused a bit of a shockwave among the anthropologists as it was thought that the Neanderthals did not have such artistic capability. The discovery, however, highlights some of the problems involved in trying to determine who was responsible for these paintings.



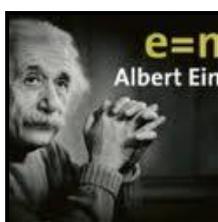
Charcoal remains found beside six of the seal paintings have been radiocarbon dated to between 43,500 and 42,300 years old. It is hoped to determine the age of the pigment of the paint by radiocarbon dating in 2013. However, the problems associated with radiocarbon dating are well known and so are probably inaccurate. (See pages 94-100 of my book *What About Origins?*).

However, even if the seal paintings are the result of a *Neanderthal Leonardo* rather than a *Modern Human Monet*, then so what? We know that the Neanderthals were human and that they married their modern human cousins. We also know that they were artistic: that they made flutes, and they decorated stones and shells; so why not paint pictures of the seals that they ate on cave walls?

ConCERNing Loose Connection

In September last year, scientists at CERN (the home of the Large Hadron Collider) in Geneva sent a beam of sub-atomic particles called neutrinos from their base in Geneva in Switzerland to a laboratory in Gran Sasso in the Italian Alps, some 450 miles away.

According to Einstein's Special Theory of Relativity, nothing can travel faster than light. However, the neutrinos arrived some 60 nanoseconds (or billionths of a second) before they should have done *if* they were travelling at the speed of light. The experiment was repeated several times with the same result each time. The only explanation appeared to be that the neutrinos had travelled faster than the speed of light thus calling into question Einstein's Theory which is one of the cornerstones of physics.



Albert Einstein



The Hadron Collider

Recently, the scientists who conducted this research have announced that they have discovered a couple of problems with the experiment and this has made them realize that the results of their experiment may be wrong and that Einstein may be right after all! The first problem concerns the oscillator on the global positioning system that was used to track the neutrinos progress. The second problem was a loose connection in the fibre-optical connector that joined the GPS signals to the master clock at CERN. The result of these two problems is that the flight time of the neutrinos was underestimated and so it was concluded that they were travelling faster than they actually were. The scientists will repeat their experiment when the oscillator is fixed and the loose connection is made good – hopefully in May of this year.



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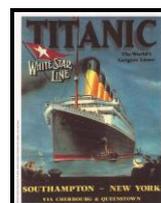
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Out and About



Harper Memorial Baptist Church, Glasgow

Many events are taking place in April to commemorate the tragic sinking of the **Titanic**. Some years ago I spoke at the Harper Memorial Baptist Church, Paisley, Glasgow. This church was renamed in memory of their one time minister, Rev John Harper, whose life story is told in the book *The Titanic's Last Hero*. With his six year old daughter, Nina, and her aunt, Jessie Leitch, they were travelling to USA from their current home in London so that he could work for three months at the Moody Church in Chicago.



The Titanic



Rev John Harper & Nina

After the collision, Rev Harper awakened his daughter, picked her up and wrapped her in a blanket before carrying her up to **A deck**. There he kissed her goodbye and handed her to a crewman, who put her into **lifeboat 11** with Miss Leitch. Rev Harper gave his own lifejacket to a young girl and spent the short time he had left seeking to help people and telling them about the Saviour. He went down with the ship leaving his daughter an orphan as her mother had died during her birth. Only glory will reveal how many people this godly man led to the Saviour during this tragic event. The important question we need to ask ourselves is "Are we ready to meet Almighty God"?

"And the sea gave up the dead which were in it" Revelation 20:13