

Dear Friends,

In my last letter, you may recall that I was looking forward to a fairly quiet time over the summer. However, things did not work out quite like that. Apart from keeping busy with lots of family stuff, I also ended up ministering at several different churches on most of the Sundays in August; most of these meetings involved my preaching or speaking about aspects of the Bible other than creation. I was pleased to have these opportunities as it is important for us to keep well balanced as Christians. There are so many important truths and doctrines in the Scriptures which are regularly under attack in this so-called 'post Christian' era in which we live. We need to *"always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear"*  
*1 Peter 3:15*



### My Diary

Apart from the dates of meetings that I will be taking in the next few months and which appear on my website, there are a few additional meetings which I am unable to advertise as they are 'closed' meetings. However, I would value prayer for these events and so I will detail them here so that you are able to give them your prayerful support.

The last week in October I will be speaking at a week-long conference which will be held near Llandovery in mid-Wales. I have developed some new talks for this conference and it is hoped that they will be filmed and made into DVDs - details will appear on my webstore.

Another event I am particularly looking forward to is to be held in South Wales in November. I will have the privilege of giving two talks to the team of *Open Air Campaigners (OAC)* during their Training Conference. Please pray that my talks will help to equip the team so that they can respond to the ever thorny issue of creation and evolution which they encounter in their outreach events.

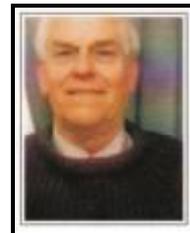
Thank you for your support and encouragement.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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### Tribute

On 3<sup>rd</sup> August Brian Grantham-Hill of Torquay went to be with the Lord. Many of you may have heard of Brian and even been helped or blessed by his work for the Lord. He was quite a character and spent a great deal of his time, both while a biology teacher at Torquay Girls' Grammar School, and also after his retirement, in making people aware that the Lord God Almighty is the Creator of all things and that He became our Saviour. Brian established *Torbay Christian Creation Topics*. He used a large caravan as a mobile exhibition which he took to various events to inform people about creation and the flood. He also used his carpentry talents to make wooden models of the ark.



Brian distributed literally thousands of leaflets and pamphlets about the Bible.

In my book *What About Origins?* I pay a tribute to Brian as he was the person who helped me to get the first edition of this book published in 1978. It was my privilege to be able to say a few words about this encouraging brother in the Lord at his funeral. Our thoughts and prayers are with his widow, and help meet, Merle.

## Most Ancient Hebrew Biblical Inscription Deciphered

According to an article at <http://www.physorg.com/news182101034.html>, a discovery in January 2010 is a breakthrough in the research of the Hebrew Scriptures and has shed new light on the period in which the Bible was written. Professor Gershon Galil of the Department of Biblical Studies at the University of Haifa has deciphered an inscription on a pottery shard (see image) discovered in the Elah valley dating from the 10<sup>th</sup> century BC (the period of King David's reign), and has shown that this is a Hebrew inscription. This discovery makes this the earliest known Hebrew writing.

This is yet another archaeological discovery that confirms that the history in the Old Testament is trustworthy and furthermore that the Kingdom of Israel existed at the time of King David. Such a discovery nails the lie that Israel did not exist at the time of David and that the peoples living in that area were not Israelites and did not use the Hebrew language. It also nullifies the idea that the Biblical Scriptures were composed by the Jews when they were in captivity in Babylon – something which is taught not only at liberal Theological Schools in secular universities, but also at many, supposedly, evangelical Bible Colleges.



Credit: Courtesy of the University of Haifa

### In the beginning . . . . . What?

I expect that many of you were saddened to see the publicity which has recently been given to Stephen Hawking's claims that he has made in his newly published book (co-authored with Leonard Mlodinow) *The Grand Design*. His book may be new but his claims are not.

According to his latest pronouncement, "In the beginning was the laws of physics". As a result of this, the universe (and an infinite number of other ones, for that matter) came into being. This preposterous claim is unscientific because it is impossible to have something (i.e. the laws of physics) when you have absolutely nothing.



*He made the stars also – Genesis 1:16*

Contrary to the media buzz, this idea is **not** new and has been put forward in the last few years by a number of different scientists. I have written extensively about the outrageous idea of the laws of science existing *before* the universe came into being and the ridiculous idea of multiverses in the second edition of my book *What About Origins?* that was published in April and which is available on my webstore.

It is surprising what people believe when they stop believing the Bible and reject its opening words: *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

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