

Dear Friends,

You may have noticed that it is a while since you last received a newsletter from me. The reason for this is that I have been quite unwell for a few months – I did mention this in the March newsletter. Since then both Irene and I have had quite a testing time with our health.

Irene had a growth removed from her cheek at the beginning of April. The first operation to remove it was not successful as it grew back within a couple of weeks. The biopsy showed that some cancer cells were present in the growth. A second operation was done by a cosmetic surgeon, as a deeper section had to be removed, so that the 5cm scar would be "invisible". Part of the scar has thickened and the consultant insists that another operation is performed on the scar tissue – this surgery is planned for the beginning of September. We are thankful that this is a cosmetic operation and that all suspicious cells have been removed.

I have been unwell for a few months during the spring and the early part of summer. Caused mainly by the side effects of my diabetes, I suffered from fatigue and felt very low. During this time I also suffered from a number of viral infections and a potassium imbalance; each of these has delayed my recovery. The medical attention I have received from my GP, hospital consultant, doctors and nurses has been excellent. I was advised to do less in the future and to have a complete rest for three months - which is the reason for my lack of communication. I am very sorry to have had to resign from some of the things I was involved in, but know that all of these things are in the Lord's plans and purposes. Also, providentially, I did not have many meetings to take during this time and feel that the rest has done me good. My medication has also been changed and I'm feeling much better.

Among the speaking engagements I did manage to fulfil during this time was a talk about dinosaurs during a special creation Sunday service at a church in Carmarthen. It is so encouraging to know that some Pastors are keen that their flock are given reasons to trust in our Creator and Saviour. I also spoke at Mumbles Creation Society (near Swansea) and a Creation Seminar, organised by Geoff Chapman, at the *Pentecostal Praise* event in Westminster Central Hall, London. I thank God for His help and strength and trust that the messages equipped and challenged the hearers. Please pray for me as I resume speaking this month.

God bless you all,



Dr A J Monty White



My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19

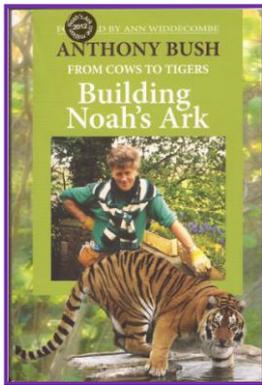
Turtles Fossilized While Mating



In June, palaeontologists reported the discovery of fossilized turtles *in flagrante delicto* – in other words, the turtles were fossilised while mating. The fossils were found in the Messel Shale in the village of Messel some 35km (22miles) south east of Frankfurt in Germany. The find was published in *Biology Letters* and a report was published at <http://www.nature.com/news/sex-locked-in-stone-1.10850>.

As with modern turtles, the gender of the fossil turtles can be distinguished by characteristics of their shells and tails. Females have a hinge on their shells to allow them to lay eggs, whereas males' tails extend past the edge of the shell. Most of the paired turtles that have been found in the Messel Shale were found with their rear ends oriented towards one another indicating that the turtles were in close contact just before death. In two specimens, the tails of the partners are aligned with each other. This alignment is "the true smoking gun" that has allowed the palaeontologists to conclude that the turtles died mating.

This discovery is the latest fossil find that shows that fossilisation occurs quickly. Other examples include fish in the process of eating other fish and an ichthyosaur giving birth to its baby. For such acts to be fossilised, the creatures involved must have been covered with sediment very quickly. This is consistent with what would occur during a world-wide catastrophic flood that is recorded in the Bible.



From Cows to Tigers - Building Noah's

Ark by Anthony Bush

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A review by Irene White

This is a very honest and open autobiography by Anthony Bush in which he details his life, his search for the Saviour and his sincere commitment to following the Lord and trying to bring glory to His name at all times.

Now in his 70's Anthony has obviously seen many changes in farming practises and human behaviour. He does not spare our blushes as he describes moral issues and struggles in his personal life - issues which are relevant to all Christians. It is also a love story between him and his Saviour and also between him and his wife, Christina.

Anthony has had a very interesting life and has been instrumental in the introduction of many initiatives within the Anglican Church. He has also started a number of organisations - these include *Mission England* with Billy Graham and the *Send a Cow* project, which gives very practical aid and shows God's love to many people in Africa.

The details of his farming change of direction when he began his Noah's Ark Zoo Farm in 1998 are very interesting to read. It is sad that he has suffered so much abuse and very real attacks from those who oppose his venture - including supporters of Richard Dawkins. Although Monty and I do not agree with his stand on a long-age creation, we do appreciate that he is trying to make sense of 'the science in light of Scripture' and that he sincerely believes in an Almighty and all powerful Creator God who became his Saviour. At least he does not go so far as to believe that the age of the universe is millions of years. Anthony is quite right in his observation that many of the species that are alive today have come about through natural changes and adaptations from their original created forebears. This is totally consistent with what the Bible teaches in Genesis One and Anthony is quick to declare the 'kinds' barrier which prevents animals interbreeding with different kinds. Evolution means "change" and so he correctly uses this term to describe speciation within kinds in the animal kingdom but by so doing opens himself up for false accusations of teaching theistic evolution. It is a shame that a new phrase could not be invented. Although he uses the word "evolution" accurately, his use of this word is open to misunderstanding by many Christians, and we are aware that a number of creationists oppose Anthony's venture because of this. Anthony's desire is that his zoo farm will educate people and give them a greater appreciation of the amazing variety of God's created beings. He also longs to bring glory to that Creator God in every area of his life.

Anthony and Christina have spent much time in their 50 years of marriage in helping to equip young people to have truly fulfilled lives; their zoo farm is an extension of this. This interesting book will make you want to visit Noah's Ark Zoo Farm for yourself and, if you do, you will discover why it has received so many awards and accolades. We have no doubt that the best accolade of all for Anthony will be when he hears his Saviour say to him, "*well done thou good and faithful servant enter into the joy of the Lord.*"



Monty in Carmarthen



Monty & Geoff Chapman



Monty - Westminster C Hall

TV Appearance

I will be appearing on **Revelation TV** (Sky 581) via Skype on Thursday 27th September 2012 on the **Q&A Show** at 10.00 pm.

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