

The Galápagos Islands

Revisiting Darwin's Evidence



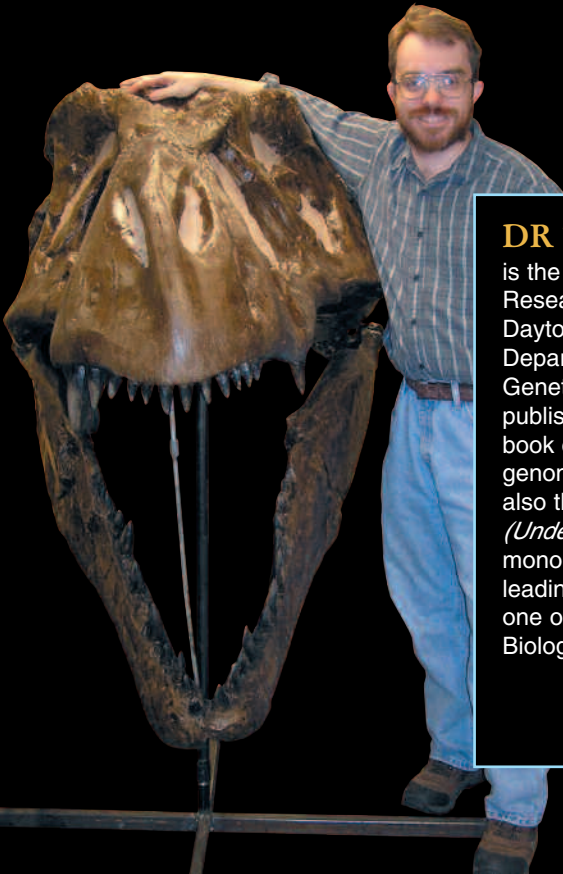
Ever since the time of Charles Darwin, the Galápagos Islands have been considered a showcase for evolutionary theory. However, there is a different perspective. Biblical Creation Ministries is pleased to present this unique opportunity to hear Dr Todd Wood, Director of the Center for Origins Research at Bryan College, Dayton, Tennessee, speak about his exciting research on the Galápagos Islands which confirms the biblical account of earth history. Come and hear how the organisms of the Galápagos reveal a wise and caring Creator who endowed his creatures with amazing abilities to survive in a world cursed by sin.

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The Galápagos Islands are viewed by many as definitive evidence of evolution "in action". Many unique species, such as the Galápagos tortoise and marine iguana, live in these islands, and they all closely resemble other species on the mainland of South and Central America. Darwin interpreted this similarity as evidence that the Galápagos species evolved from mainland species, instead of originating by creation there in the Galápagos Islands.

There has been a long-standing interest in the islands by creationists as well. Most creationists conclude that Darwin was correct in his interpretations of the island's animals and plants but went too far when he inferred a common ancestor for all animals. This argument has two parts: an affirmation of common ancestry for some species and a denial that the ancestry extends universally. Using new methods of baraminology, Dr Wood has analyzed both of these claims and finds that the creationist interpretation has merit. The unique species of the Galápagos definitely appear to be related to mainland species, but that relationship seems to be limited to much smaller groups than Darwin hypothesized.



DR TODD WOOD

is the current director of the Center for Origins Research and Education at Bryan College in Dayton, Tennessee. He has a PhD from the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics at the University of Virginia and has published 30 peer-reviewed papers and three book chapters on the topics of systematics, genomics, and evolutionary biochemistry. He is also the author of a textbook on creation biology (*Understanding the Pattern of Life*) and a monograph on the Galápagos Islands. He is a leading creationist researcher in the USA and one of the founding members of the Creation Biology Study Group (www.bryancore.org/bsg).

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Workshop: Creation Biology - Identifying the Created Kinds

Anyone who has studied biology will have been amazed by the rich diversity of life. From ants to apes, bacteria to blue whales, and corals to cats, living things come in a spectacular array of shapes, sizes and designs. As we think about this extraordinary diversity, we ask ourselves some important questions. How did this diversity originate? Is there a pattern to life? If so, what is it? Baraminology is a new and exciting field of creation studies which aims to classify and categorise living things according to their 'created kinds' as a first step to reconstructing the true history of life (see below). But how does baraminology work? What methods does it use? What results have been found so far? And how can baraminology transform our thinking about biology from a creationist perspective? Come along and find out the answers to these and other questions from one of the leading researchers in the field of creation biology. Workshop attendees will receive a special workbook prepared by Dr Wood.



What is baraminology?

The Bible teaches that God created the major groups of organisms separately - they are not descended from a single common ancestor as in evolutionary theory. The term 'baramin' (from the Hebrew meaning 'created kind') was introduced to describe these original groups. In recent years, creation biologists have developed baraminology as a system of identifying and classifying the created groups. The idea is to use many different criteria to 'home in' on the created kinds by looking for similarities and differences. Baraminology does not try to identify each baramin in one go; rather, it works by successive refinement. Larger groups are split up and smaller groups are added to, until all the members of the baramin have been identified. Several groups have already been studied using the methods of baraminology and studies with other organisms are awaiting publication.

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This tour is being sponsored by Biblical Creation Ministries, a charitable trust which aims to help people trust the Bible's account of earth history. We believe that the book of Genesis is foundational to the Christian gospel and vital for a correct understanding of physical and biological origins.

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COVENTRY – Thursday 27th March - 6.30pm

Public Lecture: "The Galápagos Islands - Revisiting Darwin's Evidence"
Lower Ford Street Baptist Church, Coventry CV1 5QJ
Contact: Jeff Lowe (0116 2707421; post@genesisagendum.org.uk)

CAMBRIDGE – Saturday 29th March - 11am & 4pm

Workshop: Creation Biology - Identifying the Created Kinds (11.00 - 3.00 pm)
Resurrection Lutheran Church, Westfield Lane (off Huntingdon Road),
Cambridge CB4 3QS

Note: We would encourage those coming to the workshop to bring a packed lunch. Tea, coffee and cold drinks will be provided. It would also help us greatly to have some indication of numbers for the workshop. If you intend to come to this particular event, please let Paul Garner know as soon as possible.

Public Lecture: "The Galápagos Islands - Revisiting Darwin's Evidence" (4.00 pm)
Resurrection Lutheran Church, Westfield Lane, Cambridge CB4 3QS

Contact: Paul Garner (01353 721578; paul@biblicalcreationministries.org.uk)

SOHAM – Sunday 30th March - 6.30pm

Evening Service: "Learning to Listen - Experiencing God in the Things He Has Made"
Soham Baptist Church, Clay Street, Soham CB7 5HQ
Contact: Paul Garner (01353 721578; paul@biblicalcreationministries.org.uk)

WIMBORNE – Tuesday 1st April - 7.30pm

Public Lecture: "The Galápagos Islands - Revisiting Darwin's Evidence"
Layard Theatre, Canford School, Wimborne, Dorset BH21 3AD
Contact: Gordon Snook (01202 881495)

*The public lectures and workshop are open to all.
It is hoped that a bookstall will be available at these meetings.*

