

December 27, 2020
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements
Randell Koon

Sunday Song Leader
Logan Yancey

Wednesday Song Leader
Brock Lindley (12/09/20)

Scripture Reading
Kevin Shackelford

Opening Prayer
Ricky Cissom (AM)
Jame Pilgrim (PM)

Closing Prayer
Britt Lindley (AM)
Eli Carter (PM)

Count and Usher
J C Newby & Keith Newby

Communion
Brad McAlister

Pick Up Communion when entering

OUR RECORD

December 20, 2020

Sunday Bible Study: NA
Sunday Morning Worship: 75
Sunday Evening Worship: 61
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 61
Budget: \$3,500
Contribution this week: NA

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Jarvene Shackelford, Tommy Wade

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Rickey Loveless, Chris Moore, Kevin Shackelford,
Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood

PREACHER: Mark Lindley

VITALS/PATTERNS PROCLAIM DESIGN/DESIGNER

(READ GENESIS 1 AND 2; JOHN 1:1-3;
HEBREWS 1:1-3)
James Pilgrim

The writer has owned pet rabbits, cats, dogs, a monkey, birds, a horse, and watched many others. He has enjoyed each of them to the fullest. Sadly, most of the pets died due to old age.

Moving required selling the monkey and horse. He has not only enjoyed these blessings, but has learned so much from them. Over the years a number of their characteristics have been observed in a number of ways.

One of the first things noticed was that none of the creatures named above could speak.

They could let you know what they wanted in many cases, by going to certain spots. For example, the food or water pan, the door, their "pottie", nudging you when a food pan was empty, and such like. However, neither of these ever asked for either of their needs verbally. Otherwise, you would have seen it on TV or in other news media.

A second striking thing is the difference in the breathing and heart rates of some animals, humans, and fowls. Although the writer has never owned an alligator, he has read that they breathe only once per minute, and can remain submerged in water for long periods of time.

Humans and most other animals could not survive doing this. Rabbits are said to breathe forty-five times per minute, while humans breathe some 12-16 times each sixty seconds. A chicken may breathe up to 37 times in a minute. A standing elephant may breathe 4 to 5 times per minute, and 10 while lying down. A standing giraffe may breathe 4-5, or 6 times per minute while standing. Humans and animals, even birds, have different heart-rates. Chicken's hearts beat between 220 and 360 times per minute, but humans are said to be somewhere around 80. A rabbit's heart beat may range from little when relaxed to 180 when disturbed. The blue pelican's heart beat, when disturbed may rush to 219. The tiger's heart rate may only be around 54 when relaxed. All human, animal, and fowls experience increased heart beats and increased breathing when active. And on and on it goes.

The third thing noticeable about the above is the outer layer of each. All are covered with an outer layer of something. Humans have skin (Epidermis, Dermis, and Subcutaneous), with a little hair. Each of the others mentioned above, have a variety of outer-layers on them, with varied thicknesses.

Fourth, why does each human, animal and fowl have so many differences peculiar to the kind? For example, elephants and giraffes breathe around five times per minute. A human could not survive doing this. A chicken's heart beats 220 to 360 times per minute. A human's heart would wear out immediately if it did this. An alligator's heart beats but once per minute. How long would a human live with a heart beat of only one time each minute. An undertaker might assume the worst, load such a person, and head for the funeral home.

Very noticeable is a fifth observation on the make-up of each of the above. Each of these precious domesticated pets, and others not so tame, all have two of the following: Eyes, ears, lungs, kidneys, lips, sets of teeth, and more. Each person has the same number of bones. For, example, each human male worldwide has the same number of bones. Each human female worldwide has the same number of bones. The same is true with regard to animals within each species of each kind. Each male of whatever kind has the same number of bones. Each female of whatever kind has the same number of bones. However, different kinds have different numbers of bones. This short, very brief reflection deals with but a few characteristics of human, animal and fowls. Yet, surely no one can miss the point of the comparison. What would all of this look like if every difference in every kind were noted? Honest Questions Demand Honest Answers! Except for birth defects and abnormalities, how does one explain the **orderly** design of the human, animal and fowl make-up?

Can one show anything that came about so beautiful and wonderful though blind mindless chance? David said, "I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well." (Psalm 139:14). Examine your own body. Why are all human males of the same make-up? Females? Animals of whatever kind and species? Fowls of whatever kind and species? Plant life will once and forever settle any unanswered questions. STUDY honestly!

A final plea!!! THINK FOR YOURSELF!!! This scribe has read from a number of people who believe in blind, mindless, evolution as the source behind all one sees and has today. One of the things that stands out in their writings is the use of words like, "possibly". "maybe", "it appears", "we think", "we feel", "imagine", and a host of others. As an actor on a TV program, DRAGNET, in the 60's (?), used to say, "Just the facts, Ma'am, Just the facts."

**The Real Thing
By David Bragg**

Almost 400 years ago much of Europe, Asia and Africa were devastated by the bubonic plague. When the outbreak erupted among the villagers of Oberammergau, Germany, according to tradition, they made a vow that if God spared them from this terrible disease, they would stage a portrayal of the death of Christ on the cross. The plague passed and they kept their vow.

Starting in 1634 the citizens have staged their Passion Play every ten years. It was delayed in WWI, cancelled in WWII, and rescheduled in 2020, because of COVID-19, until 2022.

The story is told of an American tourist attending the play. He really wanted his picture made holding the cross used by the actor portraying Jesus. But when he tried to lift the wooden cross to his shoulders the man was surprised at its weight. He asked the actor, "Why is it so heavy?"

The actor's reply: "If I did not feel the weight of it I could not play the part" (Don Cox, Jackson, MO Church of Christ).

When contemplating the cross of Jesus, we need to feel the weight of it. The burden of sin carried on His innocent shoulders. The weight of MY sins that, if just for a moment, separated Him from His Father, our God. That is no superficial love. It is the real thing.

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Bible Class in Auditorium
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Wednesday Bible Study7:00 pm

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*Remember to count your blessings, pray
for our lost ones, the sick, the world and
the broken-hearted.*

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Sharon Pannell Kristen Fitzgerald

•**HOSPITAL:** Ruth Harris (Diversicare), Hugh
Day

•**RECOVERY:** Debbie Chapman, Patti Hall,
Jeff Carpenter, Sue Shelton, Jodie Criswell

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Romia Palmer, Patti
Hall, Johnny Cissom, George Doss, Joanie
Kate Reese, Louise Pannell, Thad Berryman

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Thompson, Cohen Hurt, Frank Elliott,
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