

**Welcome to our first Evidence News for 2011. You will notice a difference. Many were telling us they were just getting too much information in one go so we will now be sending you fewer items more often. For those who have enquired about how the catastrophic Australian floods have affected Creation Research – thanks for your concern and financial support at this time. To discover how our Jurassic Ark flood fossil site was ‘deluged’ (aren’t you glad God gave us a sense of humour) – and how the rest of the ministry has been affected. Now read on and enjoy the new Evidence News format with Editorial Comment – see you again soon from John Mackay and the Creation Research Team worldwide.**

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**1. SEAHORSE SHAPE EXPLAINED**, (theoretically, that is) claim scientists in *Nature Communications* DOI: doi:10.1038/ncomms1168 25 Jan 2011, and BBC Earth News 26 Jan 2011. Sam Van Wassenbergh from the University of Antwerp in Belgium and colleagues have used high speed photography and mathematical modelling to determine how far a seahorse can reach out to capture prey. Seahorses eat small crustaceans and other tiny animals that float in the water. When they rotate their heads upwards the curved shape of their body enables their mouth to move forward and capture prey from further away than if they were straight. Seahorses are believed to have evolved from pipefish, which have straight bodies and swim after their prey. Seahorses use their tails to anchor themselves to seagrass and wait for prey to come within striking distance. Wassenberg commented: "My theory is that you have this ancestral pipefish-like fish and they evolved a more cryptic lifestyle." This meant they needed to be able to reach further from one spot to capture prey, and so they evolved the S-shape to be able to use their bodies to increase their range of movement. The research team's report is entitled "An adaptive explanation for the horse-like shape of seahorses" and they concluded: "The biomechanics of prey capture thus provides a putative selective advantage that may explain the bending of the trunk into a horse-like shape."

Link: [BBC Earth](#)

ED.COM. This study does explain why the S shape of a seahorse body enables it to collect distant food from further away than if it was straight, but it does not actually explain how a straight pipe fish could change into an S-shaped fish. (Check the original article for yourself to see this). In spite of the fact this study was widely reported, Wassenberg's theory that a pipe fish "evolved a more cryptic lifestyle" is not actually based on any evidence – only on Wassenberg's imagination. Even if we insist that a pipefish could decide to take up a lifestyle of sitting upright in sea grass, this would not change its genes to make it into a seahorse shape. If we deal only with the scientific evidence we have on seahorses ([Oldest Fossil Seahorses](#)), then we must conclude they have always been S Shaped and have multiplied after their kind, as Genesis says God created them to do. (Ref. Hippocampus, evolution, ichthyology)

**2. NOTABLE QUOTABLE ON CHURCH BY CHARLES DARWIN 20<sup>th</sup>** - Went to Church and heard a very stupid sermon, and afterwards took a long walk in a very picturesque country, between Mount Edgecombe and Mill Brook. (from his Diary Devonport UK November 1831) Keynes, R. D. ed. 2001. *Charles Darwin's Beagle diary*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, p 8.

ED.COM. How honest are you?

**3. DEFUNCT GENES FOR ALL**, according to a report in *Nature*, vol. 467, p 1061, 28 Oct 2010, DOI: doi:10.1038/nature09534. An international team of scientists has begun an enormous study of variation within the human genome entitled The “1000 Genomes Project”. A pilot study has now been completed, involving partial analysis of the genomes of 876 individuals. The study included two detailed analyses of father-mother-child trios. From these results the team estimated “the rate of *de novo* germline base substitution mutations to be approximately  $10^{-8}$  per base pair per generation.” The team also concluded: “On average, each person is found to carry approximately 250 to 300 loss-of-function variants in annotated genes and 50 to 100 variants previously implicated in inherited disorders.”

ED. COM. This study may help us understand and perhaps treat some genetic diseases, and is therefore a useful thing to do. However, since there was no mention of finding mutations that produced gain of function, such findings are exactly what you would expect from the Bible’s history of the human race, which tells us that God made everything very good, but after man rebelled against his Creator the human race (and all the world) has been degenerating and still is. Adam and Eve had the best genomes ever made. From then on the only changes have been degenerative loss of function or, at best, neutral variations. As this study shows, we are all carrying the evidence of this degeneration in our genes. We **predict** that when the “1000 Genomes Project” is completed it will confirm the Bible’s teaching that the human race is going downhill, devolving and not evolving. The only way to escape from this degeneration is to get a new body in the New Heaven and Earth which Christ the Creator and Saviour promises for all those who put their faith in Him. (Ref. genetics, devolution, inheritance)

**4. UNWANTED BOYS ABORTED**, according to an article in *Daily Mail* 7 Jan 2011 and ABC News 8 Jan 2011. An Australian couple who have three sons, all conceived naturally, have aborted twin boys conceived by IVF because they wanted a girl. Australian law does not currently allow parents to choose the sex of children conceived by IVF except in the case of known genetic diseases that affect one sex. This is not the case for this couple. They want a girl because they already have three boys and their one daughter died soon after birth. The couple have appealed to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal which can overturn the decision. If their appeal is rejected they plan to travel to another country where gender choice is legal.

Links: [Daily Mail ABC](#)

ED. COM. This legal battle exposes the hypocrisy of pro-abortion feminists who would want this couple to win. In countries where gender choice by aborting one sex is legal it is usually carried out to eliminate females, and feminists in western countries loudly condemn it and call it “foeticide”. (Before modern day abortions were available in such countries infanticide was practised to eliminate unwanted babies.) However, the real issue this couple must face is a more important court issue for deliberately taking the lives of two innocent children – that hearing will be at the Judgement Throne of the Creator God. Whatever way babies are conceived, all humans have a heritage from the first created man (Adam) derived from the image of God and are precious in His sight. Therefore, according to His instructions to Noah in Genesis, God will call to account those who take the life of another person. (See Genesis 9:5-6) However, there is good news for those who out of selfishness, wrong advice, despair, or any other reason have taken the life of an unborn child. Jesus Christ has died to pay the penalty for this sin and will freely forgive all who turn to him in repentance and faith before they go to stand before the Great White Throne of Judgement. (See Revelation 20:11-14) (Ref. pregnancy, termination, reproduction)

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