

God is merciful

An answer to Davis Danziger's Faith & Values Letter of Jan. 11: God is merciful and doesn't want any of us to perish. Read 2 Peter 3:9. God wants us to recognize him for who he is, our creator and loving father who wants us back. Adam and Eve chose to obey Satan instead of God and they entered Satan's world of misery and hardship, which we are all in today.

In the creation, everything was very good, and Adam's family's needs were met by God. Our correcting and forgiving our children comes from God. The prodigal son parable, Luke 15:11, is a likeness of God's love and forgiveness. If the son died before his return, he would not have received his father's forgiveness.

Why would God send his son, Jesus, who went through cruel and unbearable treatment but still determined to complete the door (Romans 5), which we who believe can enter and be a child of God, not Satan, if the act wasn't important? He remembers our sins against us no more when we believe and are obedient to the great sacrifice he and his sons made for us. Why would the unbelievers be accepted who refuse the great gift of forgiveness given to all nations? Read Colossians 1:13, 14, 2:12-14.

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Creationists busy creating 'facts'

Regarding George

ory. Select at least "The Judge Speaks" and "Watch Online" at <http://www.wps.org/wg/ho-valid/>.

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Complex system can only be intelligent

The words of intelligent design and wisdom are imprinted into the genetic information of every organism. Man in his wild attempts to understand this "wisdom" will be shouting with the intellect of fools.

Darwin knew nothing of the cell or its workings, nor aware of its complexity. The structure of the cell is akin to a large city, with a mayor (nucleus), information to run the city (DNA), a manufacturing plant for proteins (ribosomes), energy production (mitochondria), a transportation system (endoplasmic reticulum-transporting proteins where they are needed within, or for export from the cell), refineries (Golgi apparatus for processing proteins), a highway system (microtubules), storage depots (secretory vesicles for hormones, neurotransmitters, etc.) and a sewage system (lysosomes).

Then there is the cell membrane's complexity. Like one substance, the passing of glucose into the cell. The lock-and-key mechanisms of the membrane don't recognize glucose, so it hitches a "ride" on the insulin molecule that has the right combination, but only when "told" to do so. These are incredible simplifications of the vastly greater complexity of just one cell. But there are bil-

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valid as today. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved" (not saved again).

The Apostle Paul also had rejected the Lord he denied prior to his Damascus road experience (Acts 9). This same Lord gave Saul of Tarsus a new life (beginning) with a reason to live and a purpose to go with it. To live as the Apostle Paul put it ... 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore if any man (woman) be in Christ, he (she) is a new creation, old things are passed away, behold all things become new." ...

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What holds things down in heaven?

I wish to thank G. Jean Snyder for her explanation of re-creation and resurrection (Faith & Values Letters, Jan. 18). Her reply does, however, raise some questions in my mind, which I will admit is well below average in knowledge of Bible lore and, in particular, of heaven. If we enter heaven with "fleshly bodies," do these bodies retain the earthly needs for food, sleep, clothing, etc.? If so, how are these needs met?

Equally puzzling to me is the matter of body weight. If our fleshly bodies have weight, and if gravity exists in heaven, what do we stand on? If gravity does not exist, how do we move about, and what

more, actually) as I asked about. Perhaps Ms. Snyder can answer these questions or refer me to a good, authoritative description of heaven.

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More creationist confusion

David Bouck (Faith & Values Letters, Jan. 11) thinks

there's a scientific controversy over whether life evolved. False. There is no peer-reviewed scientific research challenging the evolution of species. Creationist propaganda represents no more scientific controversy than Flat Earth Society propaganda.

David asks how the world was created "ex-nihilo" and I say that is the province of the divinity. Evolutionary theory conflicts only with claims that species didn't evolve. Creationists have predicted the imminent demise of evolutionary theory for well over a century,

so when Rick Kellogg d he's simply continuing a tradition of wishful thinki

Crypto-creationist Ge Peabody calls TalkOrigin "atheistic" (Faith & Values Letters, Jan. 25). To learn why baloney, see its lengthy an and honors <http://www.talkorigins.org/> wards. Anyone interested i cussing this should visi message section below th line Faith & Values Letters. <http://www.nctimes.com/faith> and pick the current letter

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Information on the Navy's proposals for the SOCAL Operating Area including the full text of the Decision Memorandum is available at www.SOCALRangeComplexEIS.com.

The Navy will prepare a post-exercise assessment after each exercise. By this Notice, the Navy requests input from the public on the process for reviewing the post-exercise assessments. The Navy is also offering the public the opportunity to discuss the implementation of these alternative arrangements. Input on reviewing the post-exercise assessments and any requests to meet with Navy and CEQ representatives about the alternative arrangements may be submitted by contacting Mr. Alex Stone at (619) 545-8128 or in writing to:

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