

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

Proverbs 9:10

Store In My Heart

1Peter 4:10-11

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies-- in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

What we receive from God may be different from Peter's initial audience, but we are still His stewards. He desires that we use them to serve our fellow man, brethren in particular.

All our gifts come from God. We must always remember that we can do nothing of ourselves, therefore we must always act in accordance with God, who gave us all. The things we teach must be what God has provided. The things we do must be what God gave us to do. It is not what we want or can do. Only God's will matters.



Those Who Know

George Hutto

1st John is an inspired exercise in who knows what. The apostle's letter is an exposé of gnostics who claimed to know things about Jesus but were gravely mistaken. The term "we know" is used repeatedly to drive home the point that John and the others who saw, heard, and touched Jesus knew His nature (flesh, spirit, and deity), the veracity of the resurrection, and the necessity of practicing righteousness. Historians would call John the "primary source," the witness closest to the reported events, our "man on the scene."

Today there are many arrogant teachers on many subjects, but perhaps the most baffling are those who speak or write on themes that are highly speculative. Over the last few weeks I have been collecting headlines to prove my point. See if you agree, and that journalism is often out of touch with the facts.

First the headlines, then my comments:

"Scientists calculate when the universe will end — it's sooner than expected." - Even Jesus, whose prophecies came true, did not predict when the world will end. (**Matthew 24:36**)

Oxygen detected in the most distant and primitive galaxy ever analyzed. - Yes, we have the new James Webb Telescope, but for it to detect oxygen "in the most distant galaxy" seems a stretch. Anyway, finding oxygen is a looong way from finding life, if that's what they're driving at.

Complex life emerged on Earth 591 million years ago, scientists think they finally know how and why. - That is pretty precise. And to hear the "how and why" would be interesting.

Archaeopteryx fossil discovered with preserved soft tissue proves Darwin was right all along. - Well, Darwin had a theory, which he knew was suspect because of the "missing links," of which archaeopteryx is purported to be one (between reptiles and birds). This topic is not new, except for the "soft tissue," and soft tissue does not last very long, my friends.

Dark streaks on Mars may not come from water after all, scientists say. - Biological life as we know it requires water, and "scientists" just cannot leave the subject alone, thinking Mars may have at one time had water. But, finding water is a looong way from finding life, particularly, intelligent life.

How membranes may have brought about the chemistry of life on Earth.

- This is a cautious article. “Membranes” seems to be a broad subject, and so with “chemistry of life.” And “may have” indicates some possibility, small or great. Maybe? Perhaps?

Teeth first evolved as sensory tissue in the armored exoskeletons of ancient fish, fossil scans find. - So, they scan these fish fossils, and there are sensory tissues which evolved into teeth. How could all the dots be connected with the reasoning here? I thank God for science, medicine, and such, but this is just out of reach for me. And I am not the only one.

Giant ground sloths evolved three different times for the same reason: An analysis. - In case we do not believe that it can happen once ... I guess it used to happen a lot.

Humans Are Evolving Right in Front of Our Eyes on The Tibetan Plateau. - Evolving into what? And, if evolution happens so slowly, from generation to generation, watching it before our eyes would be worse than watching a sloth. How could we tell the difference? Are we talking aeons or decades here?

Confirmed – Scientists have found the oldest recorded footprints of a clawed animal, rewriting evolutionary history. - How do we date footprints? How do we rewrite evolutionary history? And, I think we are dealing with prehistoric things here, not actual history. Let’s not jump to conclusions.

Scientists Unearth Almost Complete Dinosaur Skeleton—And Its Skin is Perfectly Preserved. - Google says dinosaurs vanished 66 million years ago. Skin was “perfectly preserved” for that long? I do not believe skin can last that long. Scientists, Google, whoever — this is a bridge too far.

At 12 billion light-years from Earth, NASA has detected a massive water reservoir containing 140,000 trillion times the amount of water on Earth. - Let’s see: light travels at 186,000 miles per second; a light-year is the distance light can travel in a year; and that calculation times twelve billion (12,000,000,000). That is a long way off, but there’s the water they’ve been looking for — and lots of it.

Possible sign of life in deep space faces new doubts. I am not sure which “sign of life in deep space” they are talking about, but I doubt it too.

We are safe to accept the Scripture.

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” (Genesis 1:1)

“Timothy, protect what has been entrusted to you, avoiding worldly, empty chatter and the opposing arguments of what is falsely called “knowledge” — which some have professed and thereby have gone astray from the faith. Grace be with you.” (1Timothy 6:20-21)

P.S. One last headline: *Scientists Say We May Have Been Wrong About the Origin of Life.*

(For Truth we should always look to God. Study Carefully. DLH)

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5:00 PM • Sunday Night Bible Study
7:00 PM • Wednesday Bible Study

For Our Information

Jim Soliday has an appointment with the doctor who did his ablation when they return from Indiana.

Ruben Keisler will have nerve surgery on his back Monday.

Stanley Hurst’s knee surgery has been postponed.

Vickie McNees has a referral appointment with an arthritis Dr.

Solidays are in Indiana for 2 weeks. **Jon Ross** is in Conway.

The **Henderson’s** will be in Texas much of this week for **JoBeth's Mom's (Jo Melton)** funeral.

Sunday Evening – **Isaiah 24** Wednesday – **1John 5:9**