



# THE BROOKSVILLE BULLETIN

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## **The Universe** (Ira Wolfert)

How big is our universe that we live in? A quick trip out into the universe at the speed of light – 186,000 miles a second – will help set the scene. In a mere 1 1/3 seconds, traveling at that speed, we pass the moon. In five hours, we are out of the solar system. But it's four years later before we approach the nearest star.



Going on through the Milky Way – the family or “galaxy” of stars to which our solar system belongs – we pass a star only every five years on average, despite traveling at more than 11 million miles a minute. Yet there are 100 billion stars in our galaxy. It would take 80,000 years to go from one end of it to the other.

Once out of it, space is really empty. For the next galaxy, Andromeda is two million years away. But even after Andromeda,

we're not really out in the wide-open spaces yet. The galaxies come in groups. Some groups have as few as three galaxies. Our own galaxy is one of a cluster of about 17, which astronomers call, without cracking a smile, the Local Group. The largest group, Hercules (it would take us 300 million years to reach

it), contains more than 10,000 galaxies, each containing billions of stars. In all, there are at least ten billion galaxies in the known universe. [*The Readers Digest, May 1970*]

## **“Dem Bones Gonna Rise Again”** (John N. Clayton)

Remember that old song? Most of us see bones on a regular basis, and yet probably few of us have really comprehended the incredible design that is built into every bone. No chemist or engineer has ever been able to develop a material as well-suited for the



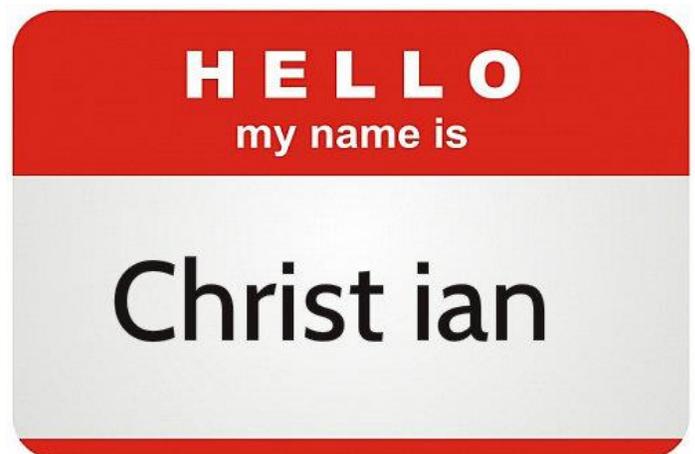
body's needs as bone. In 1867 an engineer demonstrated that the arrangement of bone cells forms the lightest structure made of the least material to support the body's weight.

Our bones make up one 1/5 of our body weight. As we grow our bones grow with us. We don't molt as insects or snakes do. Inside our bones is a red blood cell factory which manufactures a trillion new blood cells per day. No material known to man can replace bones. Wood could not stand the compressive forces bone must take. Steel is too heavy being three times the weight of bone. Aluminum isn't strong enough to stand the flexing stress put on the bones.

The average human walks 65,000 miles in his lifetime – more than 2 ½ times around the world. A soccer player subjects the 26 bones in his feet to a cumulative force of over 1,000 tons per foot. Our bones allow us to be what we are. Without bones, we would scrunch along like

a worm. Our freedom of movement and ability to function in water, on land, and to manipulate our environment is all due to the marvelous frame into which our bodies are built.

*I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well. (Psalm 139:14)*



## **What About Cave Men? (Wayne Jackson)**

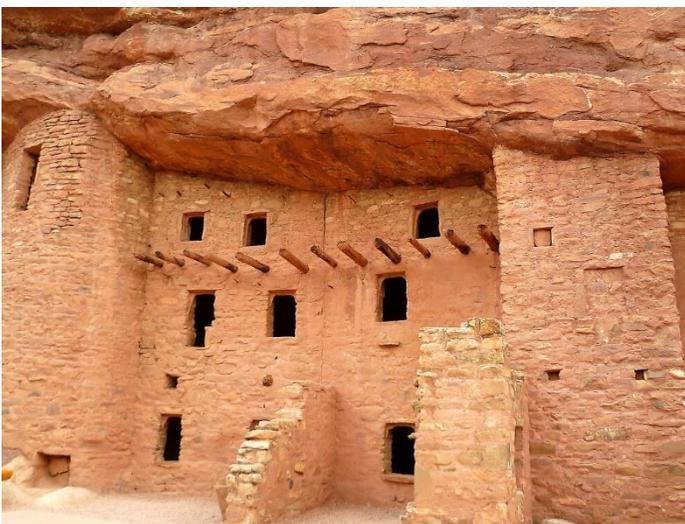
Our children's textbooks are filled with references to half-savage "cave men" from whom we allegedly descended. What can we say when our youngsters ask about such teachings?

Evolutionists are quite skilled at distortions, half-truths, and the manipulation of evidence to their own theoretical ends. Certainly there have been those of the past (and present) who lived in caves – but the type of domicile in which a being dwells says nothing about his "humanity." A man who lives in a cave is no more "half-animal" than

a dog “half-human” who happens to live in a house. Consider the following facts.

First, the Bible itself speaks of those who lived in caves. After the destruction of Sodom and the other cities of the plain, Lot and his daughters “dwelt in a cave” (Genesis 19:30). Caves were frequently used as places of refuge in Biblical times. See Judges 6:2; 1 Samuel 14:11; 22:1-2; 23:29; 1 Kings 18:4; 19:9. See also general references, e.g., Numbers 24:21; Song of Solomon 2:14; Jeremiah 49:16; Obadiah 3.

Second, anthropological evidence from many cave sites reveals a strictly “human” mode of habitation. There is evidence of cooking, sewing, tools, pottery, artwork, religious artifacts, and even furniture – “a rock-cut divan has been found in the important caves of Ophel” near Jerusalem (M.S. & J.L. Miller, *Encyclopedia of Bible Life*, Harpers Bros., 1944, p. 236).



Third, the more isolated and primitive peoples have continued to live in caves in modern times. The Pueblo Indians lived in caves.

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## Economic Considerations

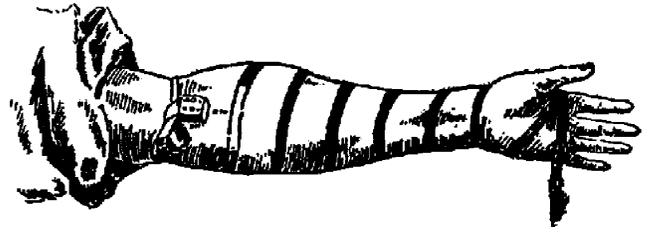


Were they semi-human? A century ago, people were still living in caves in Palestine (see McClintock & Strong, *Cyclopedia*, I, p. 168). In fact, there are many tribes today composed of people who are unquestionably and totally “human,” yet, who are less civilized than many of the cultures of the ancient past – thousands of years past!

In fact, Dr. Carleton S. Coon, an anthropologist with the University of Pennsylvania, has argued that the Neanderthal race had a higher level of culture than some twentieth-century tribes. Neanderthal man was a superior tool maker, skilled as a hunter, employed paint, and had many uses for flint. D. T. Dale of the Smithsonian Institution relates that a Neanderthal skeleton found in Iraq had undergone surgical amputation of an arm above the elbow (cited by Dr. G. Richard Culp, *Remember Thy Creator*, Baker, 1975, p. 99).

Therefore, we must not be intimidated by the “cavemen” propaganda in the evolutionary-dominated textbooks. We must read, study, and provide our children with good, biblically sound, scientifically accurate information that will answer their sincere questions and fortify their faith in this age of unbelief.

## Phylacteries

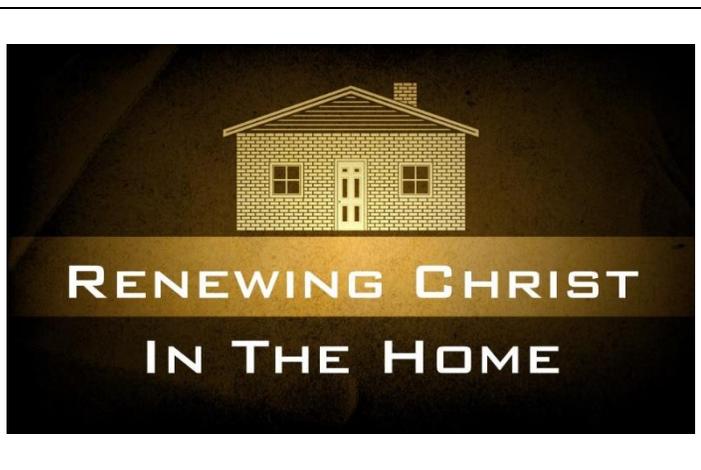


But all their works they do to be seen by men. They make their phylacteries broad and enlarge the borders of their garments.

(Matthew 23:5)

## Consider The Ant

Take a lesson from the ants, you lazybones. Learn from their ways and become wise! Though they have no prince or governor or ruler to make them work, they labor hard all summer, gathering food for the winter. But you, lazybones, how long will you sleep? When will you wake up? A little extra sleep, a little more slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest— then poverty will pounce on you like a bandit; scarcity will attack you like an armed robber. (Proverbs 6:6-11; NLT)



- ✓ Fortune lost, nothing lost; courage lost, much lost; honor lost, more lost; soul lost, all lost.
- ✓ One nice thing about egotists: they don't talk about other people.
- ✓ The sure way to miss success is to pass by the opportunity.

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Wednesday Bible Class for all ages (7:00pm)

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