

I Found A Penny!

I really did! A whole penny. Now don't get me wrong. I'm not excited just because I found a penny. Wish it had been a hundred dollar bill! But the exciting part is the **history** behind this penny. Let me tell you about it.

I picked this penny up and looked at it. Here is what a close examination of this penny revealed. It wasn't pure copper. It was an alloy containing 95% copper and 5% zinc. The copper in this penny was mined near Eagle River, Michigan. It was scooped up by means of a huge power shovel which picked up 8 1/2 tons in one scoop. Obviously my penny didn't weigh that much, so I looked more closely and learned that most of the copper picked up in that scoop was used in the manufacture of a special paint. This paint was used to paint the bottom of a great ocean liner to keep it free of barnacles. But getting back to my penny. It also contained 5% zinc, which was mined in Arizona. When this zinc was mined there was too much to use it all in my penny, so part of it went through a manufacturing process, forming Zinc Chloride. Some of this Zinc Chloride was used in making a wood preservative, some for embalming fluids, and some for soldering acid. Part of it, however, was ground into fine powder, mixed with sulfate, and by sheer coincidence provided the pigment for the toner which was used to print this bulletin!

But back to my penny. It was minted in Philadelphia and sent out to a major bank. From there it found its way into a millionaire's pocket, and then into a pauper's pocket. It has been used in 20 states, three taverns, 46 grocery stores, given as contribution to various churches 67 times, somehow found its way into a man's pocket (which had a hole in it), dropped out on to a parking lot, run over by ten cars, and then I found it.

You call this far fetched? Stupid! Ridiculous? Well, hold on to your lower plate, while I tell you another story!

On March 14, 1922, Henry Fairchild Osborn, Director of the American Museum of Natural History in New York City, received in the mail a package from a Nebraskan geologist, named Harold Cook. This package contained a **single tooth** which Cook had found in Nebraska. Mr. Osborn on that same day sat down and wrote Cook, saying: "The instant your package arrived I sat down with the tooth, in my window, and said to myself: 'It looks one hundred percent anthropoid'...it looks to me as if the first anthropoid ape of America has been found."

But this tooth has even more history. It became known as the **Nebraska Man**. G. Eliot Smith, the anatomist, published an article saying, "this was the oldest of all human remains known to science and that its ancestors wandered to America from Asia or Africa." Concerning the men who examined the tooth, Mr. Smith said: "One can therefore place implicit trust in their claim that the tooth, found in the Pliocene beds of Nebraska, is really a primitive member of the human family." H.H. Wilder, Professor of Zoology at Smith College published a book in which he said "the owner of the tooth seemed to have been halfway between the Java man and the Neanderthal man on the

evolutionary scale.”

Well this tooth has even more history. You see about four years later, it was proven to be a **pig’s** tooth! But for four years, it was law and gospel, handed down from “eminent scientists,” that this tooth belonged to “a primitive member of the human family,” which served as one of the “missing links” between man and the lower forms of animal life from which it supposedly evolved!

Bible believers become amazed, but not amused, at the extent to which some “eminent” geologists and Paleontologists will go in order to deny this statement: “*So **God created man in His Own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them***” (Gen. 1:27).

It is an undeniable fact that I can prove my story about my penny just as easily as any scientist can prove the theory of Evolution — which one is supposed to accept “whole hog” if he is open-minded, up-to-date, informed, and intelligent. So when you get ready to accept the theory of Evolution, don’t forget my penny, or Cook’s pig tooth.

By the way, did I ever tell you about the time I found a quarter?? Well, when I do I may also tell you about Charles Dawson, part of a human skull, and part of the jawbone of an ape, and consequently, the **Pitdown Man**. This fake was considered fact for 41 years until it, too, was finally proven to be a hoax! Really, though, I need to find a silver dollar before I discuss this fabricated ape-like man! —B. Witherington

“*In the beginning **God** created the heaven and the earth,*” Gen. 1:1.

“*The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God...*,” Psalm 14:1.