

For Our Information

Clifton Hurst has not been feeling well the past couple of Sundays.

Ricky Ragsdale is improving some with his physical therapy.

Joyce Venable has not been well the past week.

John LaValla's cancer has shrunk some with his new medication. This is better news than expected.

Dan & JoBeth Henderson will be in Mountain Home later this week. JoBeth is teaching one of a series of ladies classes on prayer.

Remember one another as we pray to the Father each day

We seek only to serve God according to His Will!

God. Job recognizes God's creative ability and says, "...ask the beasts, and they will teach you; the birds of the heavens, and they will tell you; or the bushes of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this?" (**Job 12:7-9**). Seeing God's work in the woodpecker should compel us to trust Him even more.

(This is one of several articles brother Aaron Beard has posted on social media recently. While most of it is more scientific in nature, I feel these articles can be helpful in dealing with questions we may be asked about evolution. Aaron preaches for the church in Trussville, AL and has recently presented several lessons on design in our universe. The FB page for Aaron Beard & the Trussville Church of Christ have more of these articles. I plan to share some of these articles on my page and the Tanner St page also. DLH)

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Seeking His Righteousness

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By Design Not By Chance

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Across all sports there has been a great deal of emphasis on concussion awareness. Coaches are required to be trained in recognizing and treating them. Much money has been spent on researching concussion. This has already resulted in safer playing conditions and has almost certainly saved lives. We understand now more than ever that banging your head into a hard surface has severe consequences. Have you ever wondered how a woodpecker survives after constantly banging its head into the hard surface of trees? This incredible ability points to the glory of its Designer.



I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well.

Psalms 139:14



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Woodpeckers hammer their beaks into trees at an astounding rate of 18-22 times per second. They hit the tree with a force of 1200g. If humans were to bang their heads into something with a chisel attached to their face it would certainly prove fatal. NFL players have been sidelined after being subjected to only 98g. Yet these incredible jackhammers of the sky survive unscathed and they have their special and specific design to thank for it.

A woodpecker's tail feathers and feet form a type of tripod that braces the woodpecker against the tree and helps distribute the energy from their pecking. The upper beak of the woodpecker has the ability to change its position just before the lower, and stronger, beak strikes the tree. This deflects almost all of the impact away from its brain. It also has a layer of cartilage between their beak and their skull. The room between their brain and their skulls is greatly reduced which would help prevent injury. Its brain is also broader at the front distributing the impact over a greater area.

In addition to these features, the woodpecker has a very long tongue that forks below its neck, goes around its jugular vein, and around its head. Scientists believe that when the woodpecker is hammering on a tree, its tongue compresses the vein and forces a layer of blood to fill the gap between its brain and skull providing an additional cushion. There is also a special attachment on their tongues called a hyloid layer which also reduces the vibrations. This tongue is not only specially designed to prevent shock, it is also perfectly designed for reaching and grabbing the bugs that live inside the trees. The

Store In My Heart

Romans 10:17

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

The inspired Scriptures are where we learn who God is and what He wants from us. Without reading and learning from Scripture we cannot develop trust in God or hope for eternal life. Belief and trust in God are essential to practicing the righteousness that is a necessary part of walking in the light.

Our faith depends on the time we spend with the Word given by Christ. Reading and meditating upon that Word must be a priority each day of our life. Time spent with the Word will never be wasted and will always bring benefit.

Are you spending enough time "hearing" the Word to develop faith?

tongue of the woodpecker has a spear shaped head special barb like hairs that stick out backwards allowing it to stick and hold onto its prey (like fishing treble hooks).

The woodpecker has inspired engineers to imitate their incredible design. Some researchers copied the woodpecker and created a steel case filled glass beads and discovered these beads were protected up to 60,000g. In 2015, doctors created a collar for football players to wear which puts a little pressure on the jugular and providing a slight increase in blood around the brain thus creating a woodpecker-like cushion. Engineers have also looked to woodpeckers to design stronger and more efficient hammers.

The macro-evolutionist claims all of these complex systems and structures evolved over a long period of time through natural selection. This requires features which, at the time, are useless to stick around during evolution which evolutionists claim get eliminated in the process. Woodpeckers are also dependent on these features, as they appear, for their survival. How would a woodpecker survive without its ingeniously designed shock absorbing system? As Dr. Jason Lisle points out, "Natural selection does not explain why we find animals perfectly suited for their environment. All natural selection explains is why we do not find animals who are unsuited for their environment."

What natural selection and survival of the fittest fails to account for, the Bible offers a clear and reasonable explanation: Purposeful design from our almighty Creator. Woodpeckers are not the product of time and chance, but the creative and wise mind of