

Earth Cursed

Scientists unveiled today a "47-million-year-old fossilized skeleton of a monkey hailed as the missing link in human evolution." Ignore the fact that it is smaller than a lemur and looks nothing like the human skeleton. They say this "transitional species finally confirms Charles Darwin's theory of evolution." This discovery is being heralded as the eighth wonder of the world.

I made a different discovery recently in God's Word. It is just seven words, "*Cursed is the ground because of you*" (Genesis 3:17b). What does that mean? God made this proclamation right after the first sin. God also cursed the serpent, woman and man at this time. "*Cursed is the ground because of you.*" We only know what the earth was like after the cursing. What was it like before?

- Could it be the earth only had one land mass (Gen 1:9-10)?
- It appears that man only ate fruit and seeds (Gen 1:29),
- And all birds and land animals ate greens (Gen 1:30).
- It appears there was no rain, just a mist and streams of water (Gen 2:6).

Moses records the Great Flood in 3 chapters (Gen 6-8). But it may be this one verse, "*Cursed is the ground because of you,*" was of greater significance. By God's words the whole universe was formed. By God's own word the whole earth may have been completely altered. The whole earth may have been a Garden of Eden, but because of sin, it suffered change.

"For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time." - Romans 8:20-22

Maybe Paul knew the extent of how the earth was cursed. Was this the end of the dinosaurs? Was the serpent a dragon? Did this cause the earth to rapidly age? Does God want us to know? I think He has told us what is really important and given us faith for all the unanswered questions.

What about this "missing link?" Man has been searching for God in alternative ways through the centuries, whether it be Baal, Ashtoreth, Dagon or a golden calf. These scientists think this proves God is not the Creator. This "missing link" is their god. It may prove to be just another hoax or a deformed known species. When that happens, these scientists will have to resume their search for God. Will they ever find Him?

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