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Dear Friends of FACT and the Glendive Dinosaur & Fossil Museum,

We are entering the holy season of celebrating the most precious gift given to us by our Creator, His Son, Jesus Christ! As my friend Matt Hull, pastor of the Glendive Alliance Church, celebrates his children's birthdays by calling them "appreciation days," perhaps we should call Christmas "Jesus Appreciation Day." It might shed a new light on the holiday if everything we did on that day was in appreciation of Him.



One way to show our appreciation of Jesus, our Creator, is by remembering believers from history that had a significant impact on science for the kingdom of God. One of those near or at the top of the list, who particularly fits the Christmas season, is Isaac Newton.

As reported in a 2008 ICR article, "Sir Isaac Newton, perhaps the most influential scientist of all time, came from very humble beginnings. The Julian calendar places his birthday on Christmas 1642, before which his father, John Newton, died at the age of 36. He was born premature and possibly had Asperger syndrome, a form of autism, which could explain his later ability to intensely focus on specific subject matters."

Newton made many great contributions to science. "In 1687, he published the first edition of his *Philosophiæ Naturalis Principia Mathematica* (later translated in 1825 as, *The Mathematical Principles of Natural Philosophy*), considered today to be the single greatest work in the history of science. In it, he described universal gravitation and the three laws of motion, derived from Kepler's Laws."²

Quoting Newton, the article goes on to say, "Though he was and still is renowned for his scientific pursuits, Newton was a serious student of the Bible and published several theological works. Even in his famed *Principia*, Newton exhibited his dedication to God."

This most beautiful system of the sun, planets, and comets, could only proceed from the counsel and dominion of an intelligent and powerful Being....This Being governs all things, not as the soul of the world, but as Lord over all; and on account of his dominion he is wont to be called Lord God "pantokrator," or Universal Ruler....³

This same Lord God looked down on His creation before time began and determined to send His Son to save those who trust in Him from the penalty of sin and to grant them eternal life (1 Peter 1:20-21). Hallelujah!

Let's make this Christmas "Jesus Appreciation Day"!

¹ Christine Dao, "Man of Science, Man of God: Isaac Newton," Man of Science, Man of God: Isaac Newton (Institute for Creation Research, May 21, 2008), https://www.icr.org/article/newton/.

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.

We at the museum are particularly grateful for a significant milestone reached this year: for the first time we have already had 10,000 visitors—thanks be to God! And, with the doors open on December 20-21 and December 27-28 from 10am to 5pm, Christmas 2019 offers the opportunity to add to that number!

Also, as you may know, each year we try to add additional exhibits so the museum always offers something new to our visitors. This year, we plan to upgrade our "History and Dinosaurs" exhibit by integrating literature and art depicting human and dinosaur interaction. We also want to open a new display that will compare the modern skeletons of an alligator, an opossum and a snapping turtle with the bones of their fossil counterparts we find on our dig site. This will show that no evolutionary change has taken place in these creatures over evolution's supposed millions of years, but that they remain just as they were (recently) designed by our all-wise Creator.



Snapping Turtle



American Alligator

We are raising funds to complete these exhibits and want to invite you to be a part of the effort. A partial breakdown of the cost is: \$2036.40 for the modern alligator skeleton, and \$830.23 for the modern turtle and opossum skeletons.

Another project in the works is upgrading our video security system. We would like to add cameras to all areas of the museum (currently, only a portion of the museum is covered) in order to provide a safer environment for our guests. The total cost for the upgrade will likely be about \$5000.00.



American Opossum

If you would like to contribute to any of these items, please go to www.creationtruth.org and

choose the donate button at the top of the page, or send a check to: FACT, PO Box 684, Glendive, MT 59330. If you have any questions about these or other projects, please contact Robert Canen at robert@creationtruth.org. As always, your support is greatly appreciated!

As we approach "Jesus Appreciation Day" (Christmas), I pray that you will be challenged to put Jesus first in your life *every day* and that as you surrender your life to Him in this way, He will make these holidays (holy days) a joyful reminder of His work in and for you throughout the past year! God's richest blessings, and a very Merry Christmas to you and yours!



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