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Longing for Home

As Christians, we daily live with the tension of valuing our life on earth while at the same time looking forward to our forever home in heaven. As Paul wrote in Philippians 1:23-24, he desired heaven, yet knew that his time preaching the gospel to the Philippians was necessary.

I look at our broken world and desire heaven, but also see glimmers of God's original perfect creation all around me. As the days get shorter and the nights colder, I often like to hold a warm cup of tea in my hands. Did you know that tea is one of those glimmers of God's perfect creation?

Our friends at Creation Moments highlight the discovery of at least one health benefit of green tea as evidence of God's original perfect creation.

"As a child, Isao Kubo's grandmother always told him to drink green tea after he ate

something sweet. Later, as a University of California chemist, Kubo has shown that his grandmother's advice was scientifically sound.

It's been known for many years that tea can help fight dental cavities. A substance in the tea helps prevent the bacteria that cause cavities from latching onto the surface of a tooth. But researchers found that this effect was too small to make tea as effective as it is known to be in preventing cavities. This led scientists to continue their search for something else in tea that

Kubo discovered that a class of molecules found in abundance in green tea actually kills the bacteria that cause cavities. Tests show that these natural chemicals, while harmless to us, are also able to kill at least two different kinds of molds, three yeasts and eight kinds of bacteria. It

makes it so effective.

is effective against some of the bacteria that cause gastrointestinal disease and acne. However, you don't have to drink green tea to take advantage of this powerful, natural cavity fighter. It is also found in coriander, sage,

> thyme, and is added to some ice creams, candy, chewing gum, and baked goods. Because of this research, we may someday find it

in toothpaste.

One wonders whether, in the perfection that existed before sin, the creation was filled with many additional natural substances that prevented the health problems we experience today."

Some day we will experience the full perfection of God's amazing creation!

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Summer 2021 Dig Update by Martha Lohman, Field Paleontologist

According to a French proverb from 1849: "plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose." In other words: "the more things change, the more they stay the same." It seems redundant to say that the past eighteen months have been quite different in most people's lives, yet while many are still adjusting to changes, we opened

the dig season with a full schedule and a waiting list of interested participants!

Looking back over the 2021 season, we faced many challenges of nature: from hail storms early in the summer to drought and fires as harvest began, from swarms of thousands of grasshoppers ravenously consuming



plants to temperatures frequently exceeding 100 degrees for nearly 6 weeks. In the midst of these circumstances, we were thankful for God's protection as we labored, for His provision of strength and endurance, and especially for the relationships that were developed.

At the dig site, we faced the daunting task of a nearly 10-foot-high wall of overburden capped with boulders that needed to be removed in preparation for guest excavations. The list of helping hands was lengthy and we could not have accomplished the work without their strength and willing attitudes. A big thank

you to Lee, Charles, Joshua, Daniel, Aaron, Kyle, Hannelora, and Michelle!

With boulders rolled down the hill and the wall cut down to a more manageable height, we were able to excavate some nice finds including a large rib likely from a Triceratops (still awaiting





prep), an Edmontosaurus tibia and femur (sub-adult), several Edmontosaurus metatarsals (foot bones), a Raptor metatarsal, and a beautiful Ankylosaur vertebra. Our guests also discovered many teeth, rib pieces, vertebrae, crocodilian bones, turtle shell pieces, and a nice turtle femur.

While dinosaurs are the huge draw, I worked with several people over the course of several dig days to excavate a long petrified plant in sections. We have about 5 feet of the specimen in the lab, with more in the ground waiting for next season's dig!

If you are interested in joining us for the adventure of an authentic dig experience in 2022, please visit our website (creationtruth.org/digs) for more information. Spaces fill quickly, so contact us soon!

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