

THOUGHTS

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PRAISE GOD! ANNIVERSARY OFFERING TOPS \$127K!

It takes a continuous flow of funds to operate The Word Today. The hundreds of thousands of dollars that are expended annually in support of the 81 languages pay for translation, production, and airing of the languages around the world. A wonderful part of the process is supporting the Christian translators and producers and their families in other countries! We are doing good work for Christ on multiple levels! The annual offering for TWT from partners of the ministry and the members of Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, the home of TWT, is critical to the success of the mission. This year, the offering was over \$127K! Millions of people will hear the Gospel as a result!

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Please pray for the Lord to empower the three-year goal of reaching 100 languages by 2028, the 50th anniversary of TWT! We will need the equivalent support increase of 19 families supporting an average of \$12,000 per year. Some families will be able to support the goal in that fashion, while many others will contribute toward it. There are few Christian evangelism ministries in North America with the efficiency and reach of The Word Today. Share it joyfully with others and invite them to join us!

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COME ALONG WITH ME TO GREECE!

The travel agency I am working with on the "Footsteps of Paul" (history of the Book of Acts) trip is holding two rooms for late additions. We can accommodate up to four additional people on the trip, which is September 20-30. This will be my only trip to Greece; I hope to resume trips to Israel someday. You have until the end of June to register. See the flier about the trip at ourshepherdlutheran.org! Feel free to contact me if you have any questions!

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SUPER-AGERS

It has a nice ring to it, super-agers! They are people who live longer and have better quality of life in old age. Eric Topol, a cardiologist and founder of the Scripps Research Translational Institute, explored healthy aging. The only factor that consistently was associated with better aging was not genetics but exercise, both cardio and strength training.

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That's it! Do not make the mistake of thinking superior genetics will help you age well. Conversely, do not despair that somehow you have poor genes and are doomed to a short life. Get out there and move! That will increase your odds of a healthy, longer life!

God made us to move. He did not place Adam and Eve in an office but a garden. They had plenty of physical exercise in their daily chores and enjoyment of the world. That sensibility has



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His death and resurrection, the message needed Today.*

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been lost in modern society. Christians realize the benefit of getting out and into nature, of moving. But we often do not take our own prescription. We should! As we become more fit, we can better serve our Savior!

How a scientist who studies 'super agers' exercises for a longer life

1,000 MILES INLAND

Lubbock Texas is located 990 miles from the Gulf of Mexico. Roadway construction crews near Lubbock dug up giant sloth bones. Supposedly, during the Pleistocene Epoch, about 11,000 years ago, the area near Lubbock was a playa, a flat area where animals could gather. Then, according to evolutionists, they simply died as they fell into water and were covered over time, preserving them. It's a nice story to support Darwinism.

The reality? Fossil graveyards are found across the continents of the world, many well inland, like Lubbock's. Dr. Aaron Pan, executive director of the Museum of Texas Tech, stated, "It is common to find fossils during building or road construction in Texas, especially in the metroplex." Common? Yes, because the Flood buried approximately 98% of all life! Dead critters are in the ground all over the place, but especially in run-off areas called fossil beds.

Typically, not only are terrestrial creatures such as giant sloths recovered, but also lots of aquatic creatures. Normally, giant land creatures are exhumed from a matrix of sea life! I wonder if that will be the case in this instance. If so, it should add to the preponderance of evidence that supports the biblical Flood. Massive numbers of animals on a playa do not all die together, get compacted into a pile, and slowly buried over time. They were wiped out by a water event, rapidly buried and preserved because they were killed and buried rapidly! The paleontological truth is nearly the opposite of the story that is told.

As humans dig more often into the ground, many such fossil sites will be found. They will continue to call into question the received account of secular science and support the biblical Flood theory. Another amazing aspect of such discoveries is the enormity of the creatures. The ancient world was full of giant animals (megafauna) and giant plants (megaf flora). The giant sloths were estimated to be of two varieties, one about 9 feet long and weighing approximately 550 pounds, and the larger species 10 feet long and weighing up to 2,200 pounds! The modern sloth is approximately 2.5 feet and weighs between 9-17 pounds. Are you starting to understand that the ancient world, pre-Flood, was radically different than today?

Giant Ground Sloth tooth found during Lubbock Loop 88 project

Blessings,
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