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Sunday:

Bible Study..... 9:30 A..M.
Morning Worship.....10:30 A.M.
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Wednesday:

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CHOOSE TO...

CHOOSE TO LOVE.....rather than hate.

CHOOSE TO SMILE.....rather than frown.

CHOOSE TO BUILD.....rather than destroy.

CHOOSE TO PERSEVERE.....rather than quit.

CHOOSE TO PRAISE.....rather than gossip.

CHOOSE TO HEAL.....rather than wound.

CHOOSE TO GIVE.....rather than grasp.

CHOOSE TO ACT.....rather than delay.

CHOOSE TO FORGIVE.....rather than curse.

CHOOSE TO PRAY.....rather than despair.

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REMEMBER “THESE THINGS”

Barry M. Grider

An enormous responsibility given to the preacher is to keep brethren in remembrance of those matters that pertain to the most holy faith. Peter, an apostle, elder and gospel preacher wrote, “Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth” (2 Pet. 1:12).

Peter makes clear he would not fail to remind the brethren of “these things,” that he might establish them in the faith. He makes clear he would be reminding them of “these things” until he died. Likewise, after his death the brethren will continue to be reminded of “these things” because of the influence he has had upon them, which included his writing by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. But what are “these things”? In the opening verses of the epistle Peter tells his listeners:

1. **Remember your education.** *“Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the **knowledge** of God and of Jesus our Lord, According as his divine power hath given unto us all things pertaining to life and godliness, through the **knowledge** of him that hath called us to glory and virtue” (vv. 2-3 emphasis BMG).*
2. **Remember your salvation.** *“Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises...” (v. 4).*
3. **Remember your participation.** *“...that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature...” (v.4).*
4. **Remember your sanctification.** *“...having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust” (v.4).*
5. **Remember your consecration.** *“And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness; brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity” (vv.5-7).*
6. **Remember your dedication.** *“For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins” (vv.8-9).*
7. **Remember your destination.** *“Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do **these things**, ye shall never fall: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ” (vv. 10,11 emphasis BMG).*

Dear brethren, let us never forget, but always remember, “these things.”

While I understand that this bulletin should (and always will) have a mature approach, and a respect for its readers. I can't help but wonder how many of our younger children read not just this bulletin, but other good and sound publications. With that in mind, I decided to devote my article this week to our children. Even if they can't read, they can still learn, so read to them about this creature, the platypus. Then, in about 14 years, when they start college, and their biology profesor tells them that God is dead and the evolutionist killed Him, they can tell him, God is alive, evolution is dead, and the platypus killed it.

THE PLATYPUS?

Matthew Martin

The title should be read aloud with a kind of surprise and confusion in the inflexion. Sort of a “**The platypus?!**” kind of tone. Yes the platypus: God's little misfit. What place does a creature such as this have in our bulletin, you ask? It is perhaps one of the evolutionists biggest headaches.

After all, if this animal believed in evolution, he would have a hard time telling his friends from what creature he evolved. Did he evolve from a duck? It does have a bill. Did he evolve from a bear? He does have fur like a bear? Or maybe a simple fish? He does swim like a fish. Could it be the beaver? He has a tail like a beaver. No no, it had to be the frog -- the webbed feet give it away! Maybe he came from the bird, seeing as how he lives in a nest.

Did he come from a turtle? He does lay eggs like a turtle. No, it couldn't have been a turtle, because Platypus' feed their young like mammals. Oh I know! It was the chicken! After all, it does have a spur (the long claw on the back of the foot), just like a chicken. It shoots poison from its feet, just like a...just like no creature I have ever heard of!

Where did this creature come from? No one animal will claim it as its own. Though some try to say man came from ape, and little lizards came from great dinosaurs, they still have not come up with an answer for this little guy. What the evolutionist cannot answer, the Bible can. Genesis 1:21 states, “And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.” Who could conceive of such an animal as the platypus? The same One who put whiskers on the cat fish, and smell on the skunk: God.

What is the platypus? Is he the product of evolution? No. He is yet another one of God's creatures for us to admire.



