

**CHARLES DARWIN: HISTORY'S MOST FAMOUS NATURALIST**

Dear Sir,

I would like to refer you to the article "Medicine in Stamps: Charles Darwin: history's most famous naturalist" by Drs Tan and Luu published in the July 2005 issue of the Singapore Medical Journal<sup>(1)</sup>. In that article, the authors wrote that "The embryonic science of geology came into being in the late 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, and it calculated the true age of the earth to be 4,000 million years rather than the biblical version of 6,000 years." This statement implied that the Bible is wrong with regard to the age of the earth while "science" is correct. The authors' claim, however, is unwarranted.

The calculation of the age of the earth is not without its problems<sup>(2)</sup>, while many conservative Biblical scholars have realised long ago that the chronologies in the Bible were never meant to be complete<sup>(3)</sup>. The contradiction between the scientific calculation of the age of the earth with the Biblical calculation is therefore apparent, not real.

The author is right in pointing out the deficiencies in Darwin's theory, such as the missing links and the abrupt appearances of new species in fossil records without evidence of an intermediary species. These missing links show that while evolution has validity in explaining the adaptation of species to a changing environment, it is not the process by which the complex living creatures that we see in the world today came into existence. The specified complexity of the immense amount of information stored in the DNA which encode these creatures warrant the conclusion that they are the products of an Intelligent Designer<sup>(4)</sup>.

Yours sincerely,

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