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How Not to be Surprised

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When we receive a gift for Christmas or our birthday, we may like to be surprised. There are many other times, however, when we don't like surprises. A teacher who finds numerous additions and subtractions on a daily basis to her class roster; a vice-president of a company who finds his duties constantly changing; a coach who mistakenly thinks he has the opposing team figured out.

Then there are those scientists who accept the establishment theory of how we and the universe got here. They surely don't like surprises that call their theory into question.

Yet, in the current issue of *Creation* magazine, one can read a number of news items which refer to surprises like these. For example...

Evolution theory holds that the Earth, the other planets and the sun all formed from the same nebula. But investigator Kevin McKeegan says, "This is a surprising result" when he discovers that NASA's Genesis mission found "anomalous" differences between the sun and planets.

Most astronomers believe the "bulge" seen around the middle of so many spiral galaxies are the result of collisions during their formation. But *New Scientist* magazine says there are now "nagging doubts" about how these galaxies formed because so many "slimline" spiral galaxies without the bulges have been discovered.

A team of scientists finds remarkably preserved fossils of 80 baleen whales buried together in a desert in Chile. By ignoring Noah's Flood, the researchers are "stunned" by the discovery and wonder how so many of the whales could have been buried so quickly and how they managed to get so far inland.

I think scientists who believe the Bible have had to put up with far fewer surprises. The extreme rarity of "transitional animals" in the fossil record. No surprise. The amazing complexity found in living creatures. No surprise. The discovery of how fine-tuned our universe is. No surprise.

While *Origin of Species* and current scientific documents are manmade and subject to error, the Word of God isn't. And when the Good Book tells us of God's plan of salvation, we especially know we won't be surprised. "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31)

—Warren Krug, editor