



DANDENONG
**Bible
Education
Centre**

Newsletter November 2009

Hooray!

Certificate of Occupancy arrives!

Many prayers of thanks to God were said as the welcome news came. A Certificate of Occupancy has been granted for the Dandenong Bible Education Centre. So now you have the opportunity to come and see the new centre. It is planned to open on Monday October 26, at 10am. Why not be there to meet the staff and take a peek at the changes. We think you'll be pleased with what you see. Don't forget the new address:

118-120 Foster Street, Dandenong.

New Life Class

11.30–12.30 Sundays

All are welcome to attend this class which considers a variety of Bible topics. A light lunch will be served afterwards.

Oct 25 *Jesus – I'll be back soon!*

Nov 1 *Becoming a householder*

8 *Growing the fruit of the Spirit*

15 *Does it matter what you believe?*

22 *Pagan Christianity*

29 *The message of the Bible*

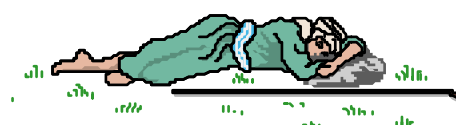
Dec 6 *What does the world need from God: Justice or mercy?*

13 *Israel - chosen or rejected?*

20 *Who was John the Baptist?*

27 *Faith, hope and love*

Bible Study Weekend Fri Oct 30 – Sun Nov 1



Join in the rejoicing at the new, improved Bible Education Centre. The theme for the weekend is:

“Jacob – Learning to Lean”

Three Bible study sessions are planned, to discover more about the Bible character, Jacob. From this we can learn more about how we should be leaning on God too.

The program is as follows:

Friday October 30

8:00pm: *Dedication and worship evening, followed by supper, chatting and playing board games.*

Saturday October 31

4:30 pm: *Study 1 – Living in a Tent*

6:00 pm: Dinner

7:30 pm: *Study 2 – Relinquish*

Sunday November 1

9:30 am: *Study 3*

One manner of people

11:00 am: *New Life Class*

Becoming a householder

1:00pm: Lunch

Just for fun!

Q: Why couldn't Noah talk to the goats?

A: Because they kept on butting in!

Q: What is as big as an elephant and weighs nothing?

A: His shadow!

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What is the origin of species?

Photo taken by Malene Thyssen



2009 marks the 150th anniversary of the publishing of the book "The origin of species" by Charles Darwin. 50-year-old Charles published this book on the 24th November 1859, and it has had a great impact on the ideas of many about the origin of all that is around us in the natural

world. His theory was that the variety of plants and animals around us gradually came into being over millions of years through small changes. This theory directly challenges the clear statements in the Bible that there is a creator (the Almighty God) who made everything by speaking and it happened. For example we read,

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth... And God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light" Genesis 1:1,3

"And God saw everything that he had made and behold, it was very good." Genesis 1:31

Although the theory of evolution is accepted as a fact by many people, it remains unproven. In fact there are many problems with the theory, and there are many scientists who do not accept that what we see around us came about by evolution. They are convinced that it is **God** who is the origin of species!



The earth seen from Apollo 17 (picture by NASA)

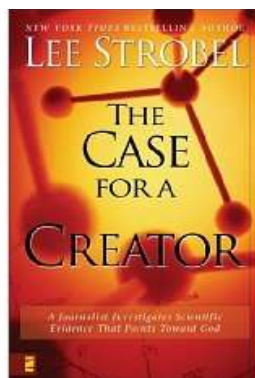
God is the origin of species!

Featured Library Book

"The case for a creator" by Lee Strobel

A journalist investigates scientific evidence that points toward God.

This paperback book is available in the library of the Dandenong Bible Education Centre. Why not borrow it soon? To join the library there is a once-only fee of \$5.



During his academic years, Lee Strobel became convinced that God was outmoded, a belief that coloured his ensuing career as an award-winning journalist at the *Chicago Tribune*. Science had made the idea of a Creator irrelevant - or so Strobel thought.

But today science is pointing in a different direction. In recent years, a diverse and impressive body of research has increasingly supported the conclusion that the universe was intelligently designed. At the same time, Darwinism has faltered in the face of concrete facts and hard reason.

Has science discovered God? At the very least, it's giving faith an immense boost as new findings emerge about the incredible complexity of our universe. Join Strobel as he re-examines the theories that once led him away from God. Through his compelling account, you'll encounter the mind-stretching discoveries from cosmology, cellular biology, DNA research, astronomy, physics, and human consciousness that present astonishing evidence in "The case for a creator".

Free presentation: Evolution is *not* a fact

7.30pm, Wednesday **October 28**, at the Knox School, Main Auditorium, 220 Burwood Hwy, Wantirna South

All our plans depend on the will of God.