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THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

The Amazing Woodpecker



And there ye shall serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell. (Deuteronomy 4:28)

The woodpecker's tongue can stretch from three to five times its normal length in order to fish bugs out of trees. You would think that his tongue would have to be rooted in his tail to do

that neat trick! This beautiful creation in which we live is not only filled with testimonies to the wisdom of God. It is also filled with special designs that deny the possibility that life in all its complexity developed entirely by chance.

Consider the woodpecker. Incredibly, the woodpecker's tongue is rooted in his right nostril. Exiting the back of the nostril, his tongue splits into two parts, wrapping around his head between his skull and the skin, passing on either side of the neck bones, and then coming up through his lower jaw or beak. This gives the woodpecker a long enough tongue to stretch it out far enough to do an effective job of pest control on bug infested trees!

Now how could this happen by blind evolutionary chance? Even evolutionists admit that it's silly to suggest that the woodpecker's tongue gradually got longer over thousands of year and began to grow under his skin. As one evolutionary scientist said about the woodpecker's tongue, "There are certain anatomical features which just cannot be explained by gradual mutations over millions of years. Just between you and me, I have to get God into the act too sometimes."

Ref: Sunderland, Luther D. 1975. "Miraculous design features in woodpeckers." Bible Science Newsletter, v. 13, n. 10, Oct. p. 4. Photo: Green woodpecker. Courtesy of British Wildlife and Environment Forums.

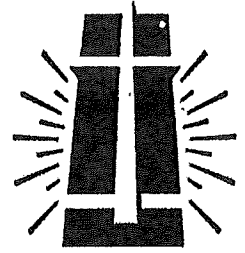
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Preparing for the Readings for Next Sunday
with S.O.A.P.



Old Testament: Ezekiel 37:1–14

Epistle: Romans 8:1–11

Gospel: John 11:1–45 (46–53) or John 11:17–27, 38–53

This brief Bible Study is designed to help you dig into the Word of God and prepare for the coming Sunday's readings. It is our fervent hope that this will be a blessing to you and your family!

S Scripture: *Keeping the larger context of Scripture in mind (for example: verse, chapter, book, etc.), what words and/or verses stand out to me?*

O Observation: *What is happening or what is the teaching that is being shared? What is God saying about Himself? Is this Law or Gospel? Who is doing the action?*

A Application: *What does this mean as I live out my life as a disciple of Christ? How does the Law apply to me? How does the Gospel apply to me? How is God asking us to respond within our family or community? How is God asking me to personally respond? What change(s) needs to happen in my life?*

P Prayer: *What prayer is God placing on my heart today? Who is in need of prayer? If me, what do I need from God to help me live out what He has given me in His Word?*