

human beings, whose ancestors lived in the tree tops some millions of years ago”.

**John Mackay comments:** Surprise, surprise – the change from wood eating to grass and leaf eating does not actually require evolution. Termites themselves cannot digest wood unless they have the right kinds of micro-organisms living in their guts. They can only digest grass and leaves if they have the right gut microbes as well. It is the gut microbes that breakdown the tough fibres in wood or the fibrous tissues in the grass, and the grass and leaf litter microbes, are different from the wood eating ones. Therefore, to change their diets, all that is needed would be a change in microbes, which as you should know even occurs for people if you change your yoghurt or your town water supply, when you or the termites move to a different environment where there are different microbes. This ‘rafting’ is also the answer to the often scornful question about what did termites eat on Noah’s ark. Noah was not endangered by having termites on the Ark since termites, already inside floating trees, could even have survived outside the Ark chewing happily away inside waterproof logs or on mats of vegetation, and debris ripped up by the flood. The scientists seem to be quite right about how termites got to Australia - just way out in time terms. After Noah’s Flood termites could easily have spread all over the world on rafts of debris and settled wherever they found suitable habitat and could form any required symbiotic relationship with microbes, just like you and I do when we move districts. Finally, it is important to note that analysing the DNA of living termites will only reveal what genes termites have now. The conclusions about what their ancestors were doing, and how long ago they did it, are based on molecular evolutionary trees that only exist in the minds of those who already believe evolution regardless of the facts. No-one has seen termites evolve from another kind of insect, and termites do not show any signs of changing into any other kind. The known evidence about termites fits far better with the Biblical history of the world. Termites were created to live in a symbiotic relationship with microbes and help recycle nutrients through the ecosystem by eating grass, leaf litter, trees as well as other fibrous plant material. After Noah’s flood they spread to wherever they could find suitable places to live, and ate whatever their symbiotic microbes could help them digest.



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Evolutionists treat the Bible as myth, but the Bible explains scientific observations of our world better than the theory of evolution does. Here is one recent example from creation Research.

### TERMITES GOT TO AUSTRALIA ON TREES?,

according to articles in Science Daily 21 February 2017, University of Sydney News 22 February 2017 and *Biology Letters*, doi: 10.1098/rsbl.2016.0665, 22 February 2017.

An international group of scientists led by Nathan Lo of University of Sydney have carried out a study of the genomes of the termite subfamily *Nasutitermitinae*, whose main claim to fame is the building of enormous mounds in northern regions of Australia. According to University of Sydney news, “DNA sequencing found the forebearers, called nasute termites, colonised Australia three times in the past 20 million years or so and evolved from wood to grass-feeding as they adapted to significant environmental changes, including increasingly arid conditions and the conversion of woodlands to grassland habitats in subtropical savannahs and central Australia”. Mound building termites do not eat wood. They eat grass and leaf litter. The researchers also concluded “Grass feeding appears to have evolved from wood feeding via ancestors that fed on both wood and leaf litter. Our results underscore the adaptability of termites to ancient environmental change, and provide novel examples of parallel evolution of extended phenotypes”. Nathan Lo explained: “We found that the ancestors of Australia’s fortress-building termites were coastal tree-dwellers, which arrived in Australia by rafting long distances over the oceans from either Asia or South America. Once in Australia, they continued to build their nests in trees, but later descended and began building mounds on the ground instead, paralleling the evolution of the other great architects of the world --





## 2 Peter: Overcoming Error The Value of the Word II

In 2 Peter 1:12-21 Peter, returning to the subject of truth, gives us four more reasons to value the Word of God:

[last time]

1. The Word is valuable because it reminds us of truth, verses 5-15

2. The Word is valuable because it records eyewitness evidence, verses 16-18

[today]

**3. The Word is valuable because it \_\_\_\_\_ to our \_\_\_\_\_ needs, verses 19-21**



In 2 Peter 1:19-21 Peter demonstrates that the bible is from God, with three statements:

**1. The Bible is \_\_\_\_\_, verse 19**

(John 5:39) ""You search the Scriptures.. and these are they which testify of Me.""

(Isaiah 40:3-5) "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the LORD; Make straight in the desert A highway for our God. {4} Every valley shall be exalted And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the rough places smooth;

{5} The glory of the LORD shall be revealed, And all flesh shall see it together; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.""

(Isaiah 60:1) "Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you." ...{3} "The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising."

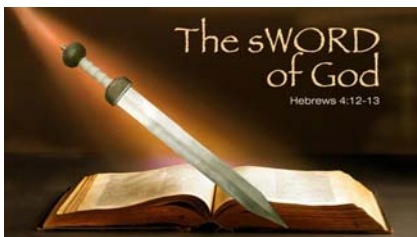
(1 John 3:2) ".. we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is."

(Revelation 22:16) ""I, Jesus, .. am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.""

(Psalms 119:105) "Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path."

(Mark 7:20-23) ".. "What comes out of a man, that defiles a man. {21} "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, {22} "thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. {23} "All these evil things come from within and defile a man.""

(Hebrews 4:12) "For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword,



piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

(1 Corinthians 13:4-5) "Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; {5} does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil;"

(Psalms 19:7-11) "The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; {8} The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; {9} The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. {10} More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. {11} Moreover by them Your servant is warned, And in keeping them there is great reward."

**2. The Bible is NOT merely \_\_\_\_\_, verse 20**

(2 Peter 1:20) Above all, you must understand that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophets themselves\* [paraphrase]

(John 1:14) "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, ..."

(Romans 10:17) "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

(Jeremiah 23:16-17) "Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you. ...; They speak a vision of their own heart, Not from the mouth of the LORD. {17} They continually say to those who despise Me, 'The LORD has said, "You shall have peace" '; And to everyone who walks according to the dictates of his own heart, they say, 'No evil shall come upon you.'""

(Jeremiah 23:25) ""I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in My name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!'"

**3. The Bible IS \_\_\_\_\_, verse 21**

(2 Timothy 3:16) "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, ...,"

(Acts 27:17) ".. and fearing lest they should run aground on the Syrtis Sands, they struck sail and so were driven."



(Mark 2:17) ".. "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.""

(2 Timothy 3:16-17) "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, {17} that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."