

Weekly Science Report

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“Differences are not intended to separate, to alienate. We are different precisely in order to realize our need of one another.”

Archbishop Desmond Tutu

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Introduction

Steve Detwiler created this publication with the support of Graham Hancock and John Anthony West to share news and information on various disciplines to include but not limited to paleontology, space sciences, genetics and archaeology. His goal behind sharing this publication has always been very simple, by sharing knowledge we can make our world a better place. This publication is Mr. Detwiler's contribution to bring people together and share ideas and discoveries with his fellow humans.

I hope you enjoy this publication and that the content challenges and inspires you!

Steve Detwiler

News Articles

Paleontology, Evolution and Prehistoric Studies

Turkey's 12,000-year-old Hasankeyf settlement faces obliteration

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/aug/29/turkeys-12000-year-old-hasankeyf-citadel-faces-obliteration?platform=hootsuite>

Fossil footprints challenge established theories of human evolution

<https://phys.org/news/2017-08-fossil-footprints-theories-human-evolution.html>

Cave Explorers Find New Fossils of Mysterious Human Relative

http://news.nationalgeographic.com/2017/09/ancient-humans-homo-naledi-lee-berger-paleontology-science/?utm_source=fb&utm_medium=social&utm_term=content&utm_content=link_ngcfb20170921newbones&sf115241797=1

Morocco opens an investigation into the selling of dinosaur fossils on the Internet

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History

Centuries-Old Stolen Copy of Christopher Columbus Letter Recovered in U.S.

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/centuries-old-stolen-copy-of-christopher-columbus-letter-recovered-in-u-s-1503596048>

Trump's chilling contempt for future generations

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Unearthing Hickam's 14 'unknowns'

<http://www.staradvertiser.com/2017/08/28/hawaii-news/unearthing-hickams-14-unknowns/?HSA=1821c1cab1a0be76c65feac65574b44c5c5d2d7>

Scientists find languages not used since Dark Ages among ancient manuscripts recovered from monastery

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/middle-east/lost-languages-found-ancient-manuscript-parchment-saint-catherine-monastery-sinai-peninsula-egypt-a7916346.html>

Public vs private art collections: who controls our cultural heritage?

<http://theconversation.com/public-vs-private-art-collections-who-controls-our-cultural-heritage-80594>

Wadada Leo Smith's Defiant And Fearless Elegy For Emmett Till (In 360° VR)

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Why America Needs a Slavery Museum

https://www.theatlantic.com/video/index/402172/the-only-american-museum-about-slavery/?utm_source=FB ATL P 402172_1

Courageous WWII Spy Jeannie Rousseau Has Died at 98

http://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/wwii-spy-jeannie-rousseau-has-died-98-180964677/?utm_source=facebook.com&utm_medium=socialmedia

British Museum plans sweeping redisplay of world cultures

<http://theartnewspaper.com/news/british-museum-plans-sweeping-redisplay-of-world-cultures>

Winemaking History: 5,000-Year-Old Wine Found In Italy

<http://www.ibtimes.com/winemaking-history-5000-year-old-wine-found-italy-2582453>

New evidence of Viking warrior women might not be what it seems

<https://arstechnica.com/science/2017/09/have-we-finally-found-hard-evidence-for-viking-warrior-women/>

History of zero pushed back 500 years by ancient Indian text

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Massachusetts executed two Italian immigrants 90 years ago: Why the global fallout still matters

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How the Islamic world can reclaim its role in science

<http://www.scidev.net/global/capacity-building/opinion/how-the-islamic-world-can-reclaim-its-role-in-science.html>

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UK's restitution powers to be extended indefinitely for Nazi-era loot

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US museums challenge Trump's immigration ban in court

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Can you solve this new Amelia Earhart mystery?

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation-now/2017/09/26/can-you-solve-new-amelia-earhart-mystery/706254001/>

The Greeks really do have near-mythical origins, ancient DNA reveals

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Archaeology

The 9 Most Spectacular Lost Cities in the World

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After the Hobby Lobby scandal, a spotlight on antiquities sales in Israel

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How we lost the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World

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Historic Equipment Burns At Yosemite Mt. Sugar Pine Railroad

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Underwater ruins of lost Roman city discovered in Tunisia

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Rare Roman mosaic found during Berkshire community project

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Exceptionally Preserved Ancient Ships Discovered in the Black Sea

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City archaeologist recalls 27 years of unearthing St. Augustine's hidden treasures

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Egyptology

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Sphinx, Baboon and Cat Statues Found in Ancient Egyptian Burial

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Fatwa allowing illegal antiquities excavation triggers ire in Egypt

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Two toes of King Psamtik I statue excavated in Matariya

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General Science

Raising Wages to Help Workers Could Actually Help Robots Replace Them

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Apple's 'Neural Engine' Infuses the iPhone With AI Smarts

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NASA Unveils Its First Spaceplane Since The Shuttle

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Chris Hadfield: We should live on the moon before a trip to Mars

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Trump picks NASA chief, NOAA second-in-command

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Massive sunspots and huge solar flares mean unexpected space weather for Earth

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NASA Preparing Call for Proposals for Commercial Lunar Landers

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Seeds in space – how well can they survive harsh, non-Earth conditions?

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Hubble discovers a unique type of object in the Solar System

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Something Completely Bizarre Is Currently Flying Through Our Solar System

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NASA'S OSIRIS-REx Spacecraft Slingshots Past Earth

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Hurricane Damages Giant Radio Telescope—Why It Matters

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Grave of Europe's 1st Moon Orbiter Finally Found

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Elon Musk's Mars Colonization Plan Now Includes Intercity Rocket Travel

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NASA Designed This Low-Tech Rover to Survive Venus

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Environment, Climate Change and Alternative Energy Sources

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How solar power can protect the US military from threats to the electric grid

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Ambitious 1.5C Paris climate target is still possible, new analysis shows

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Biological, Genetics and Medical Sciences

Researchers on Kauai encounter new whale-dolphin hybrid

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23andMe Is Digging Through Your Data for a Parkinson's Cure

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Evolutionary geneticists spot natural selection happening now in people

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A Wild Bison Was Spotted in Germany for the First Time in Two Centuries. Then It Was Shot

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The world as we know it is about to end — again — if you believe this biblical doomsday claim

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Additional Informational

Brand New Spin On John Lennon's Classic Is Putting Tears In Everyone's Eyes

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A resurgent exploration of the moon's surface

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Jewish Legacy Rediscovered in Wake of Nazis and Communists

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