

# Weekly Science Report

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**"Let us dream, as a single human family, as fellow travelers sharing the same flesh, as children of the same earth which is our common home, each of us bringing the richness of his or her beliefs and convictions, each of us with his or her own voice, brothers and sisters all."**

Pope Francis

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## **Introduction**

Steve Detwiler created this publication with the support of Graham Hancock and the late 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!

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## News Articles

### Paleontology, Evolution and Prehistoric Studies

From Massive Eyes to Shark-Like Tails, Seven Amazing Adaptations That Helped Prehistoric Reptiles Thrive at Sea

[https://www.smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/from-massive-eyes-to-shark-like-tails-seven-amazing-adaptations-that-helped-prehistoric-reptiles-thrive-at-sea-180986351/?utm\\_source=smithsoniandaily&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=editorial&lctg=98054053](https://www.smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/from-massive-eyes-to-shark-like-tails-seven-amazing-adaptations-that-helped-prehistoric-reptiles-thrive-at-sea-180986351/?utm_source=smithsoniandaily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=editorial&lctg=98054053)

'Important' Dinosaur Tracks Found in Scotland Suggest Carnivores and Their Prey Drank From the Same Watering Hole

[https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/important-dinosaur-tracks-found-in-scotland-suggest-carnivores-and-their-prey-drank-from-the-same-watering-hole-180986364/?utm\\_source=smithsoniandaily&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=editorial&lctg=98054053](https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/important-dinosaur-tracks-found-in-scotland-suggest-carnivores-and-their-prey-drank-from-the-same-watering-hole-180986364/?utm_source=smithsoniandaily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=editorial&lctg=98054053)

Are These Mysterious 400,000-Year-Old Artifacts the Oldest Ivory Objects Made by Humans?

[https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/are-these-mysterious-400000-year-old-artifacts-the-oldest-ivory-objects-made-by-humans-180986447/?utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_campaign=editorial&utm\\_term=4212025&utm\\_content=new&fbclid=IwY2xjawJzXHJleHRuA2FlbQlxMQBicmlkETFFdHpJOEZ2dFd5WHZzUWRHAR7ggL3JXayXA-KHagOsM5unA9t5f9vfMahNma5KtUIIDoJk1Qqz4NVvDJXPeQ\\_aem\\_WhnUkXtw\\_fntgT\\_-4wj\\_gg](https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/are-these-mysterious-400000-year-old-artifacts-the-oldest-ivory-objects-made-by-humans-180986447/?utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&utm_campaign=editorial&utm_term=4212025&utm_content=new&fbclid=IwY2xjawJzXHJleHRuA2FlbQlxMQBicmlkETFFdHpJOEZ2dFd5WHZzUWRHAR7ggL3JXayXA-KHagOsM5unA9t5f9vfMahNma5KtUIIDoJk1Qqz4NVvDJXPeQ_aem_WhnUkXtw_fntgT_-4wj_gg)

The Ancient 'Terror Crocodiles' of North America Weren't Alligators After All, DNA and Fossils Suggest

[https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/the-ancient-terror-crocodiles-of-north-america-werent-alligators-after-all-dna-and-fossils-suggest-180986491/?utm\\_source=smithsoniandaily&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=editorial&lctg=98054053](https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/the-ancient-terror-crocodiles-of-north-america-werent-alligators-after-all-dna-and-fossils-suggest-180986491/?utm_source=smithsoniandaily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=editorial&lctg=98054053)

50-Million-Year-Old Footprints Open a 'Rare Window' Into the Behaviors of Extinct Animals That Once Roamed in Oregon

[https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/50-million-year-old-footprints-open-a-rare-window-into-the-behaviors-of-extinct-animals-that-once-roamed-in-oregon-180986501/?utm\\_source=smithsoniandaily&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=editorial&lctg=98054053](https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/50-million-year-old-footprints-open-a-rare-window-into-the-behaviors-of-extinct-animals-that-once-roamed-in-oregon-180986501/?utm_source=smithsoniandaily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=editorial&lctg=98054053)

Stone Age People Used This 35,000-Year-Old Woolly Mammoth Tusk Tool to Make Rope, Scientists Say

[https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/stone-age-people-used-this-35000-year-old-woolly-mammoth-tusk-tool-to-make-rope-scientists-say-180983714/?utm\\_source=smithsoniandaily&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=editorial&lctg=98054053](https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/stone-age-people-used-this-35000-year-old-woolly-mammoth-tusk-tool-to-make-rope-scientists-say-180983714/?utm_source=smithsoniandaily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=editorial&lctg=98054053)

Sunscreen, Clothing and Caves May Have Given Modern Humans an Edge Over Neanderthals When Earth's Magnetic Field Wandered

[https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/sunscreen-clothing-and-caves-may-have-given-modern-humans-an-edge-over-neanderthals-whenearths-magnetic-field-wandered-180986462/?utm\\_source=smithsoniandaily&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=editorial&lctg=98054053](https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/sunscreen-clothing-and-caves-may-have-given-modern-humans-an-edge-over-neanderthals-whenearths-magnetic-field-wandered-180986462/?utm_source=smithsoniandaily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=editorial&lctg=98054053)

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Radiocarbon dating reveals Mongolia's earliest pottery predates previous estimates by 2,000 years  
<https://phys.org/news/2025-04-radiocarbon-dating-reveals-mongolia-earliest.html>

Ancient tools from a South African cave reveal connections between prehistoric people  
<https://phys.org/news/2025-04-ancient-tools-south-african-cave.html>

Hunter-gatherers' daring sea journey to Malta predates early farmers by 1,000 years, study finds  
<https://phys.org/news/2025-04-hunter-sea-journey-malta-predates.html>

Bergantes River could be important route for Neolithization of Lower Aragon in Spain  
<https://phys.org/news/2025-04-bergantes-river-important-route-neolithization.html>

Ancient humans ritually feasted on great bustards as they buried their dead  
<https://phys.org/news/2025-04-ancient-humans-ritually-feasted-great.html>

Environmental variability promotes the evolution of cooperation among humans, simulation suggests  
<https://phys.org/news/2025-04-environmental-variability-evolution-cooperation-humans.html>

Ancient horse hunts challenge ideas of 'modern' human behavior  
<https://www.sciencenews.org/article/ancient-horse-hunters-behavior-modern>

Neolithic agricultural revolution linked to climate-driven wildfires and soil erosion  
<https://phys.org/news/2025-04-neolithic-agricultural-revolution-linked-climate.html>

11,000-Year-Old Greek Cave Art Found on Crete  
<https://greekreporter.com/2025/04/23/amazing-greek-cave-art-found-to-be-over-11000-years-old/>

## History

The Long, Strange Trip of the Titanic Victims Whose Remains Surfaced Hundreds of Miles Away, Weeks After the Ship Sank

[https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/the-long-strange-trip-of-the-titanic-victims-whose-remains-surfaced-hundreds-of-miles-away-weeks-after-the-ship-sank-180986386/?utm\\_source=smithsoniandaily&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=editorial&lctg=98054053](https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/the-long-strange-trip-of-the-titanic-victims-whose-remains-surfaced-hundreds-of-miles-away-weeks-after-the-ship-sank-180986386/?utm_source=smithsoniandaily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=editorial&lctg=98054053)

Five Ways Pope Francis, Religious Leader Who Pushed to Modernize the Catholic Church, Was a Man of Firsts

[https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/five-ways-pope-francis-religious-leader-who-pushes-to-modernize-the-catholic-church-was-man-of-firsts-180983379/?utm\\_source=smithsoniandaily&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=editorial&lctg=98054053](https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/five-ways-pope-francis-religious-leader-who-pushes-to-modernize-the-catholic-church-was-man-of-firsts-180983379/?utm_source=smithsoniandaily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=editorial&lctg=98054053)

Germany continues search for last living Nazi criminals

<https://www.dw.com/en/germany-continues-search-for-last-living-nazi-criminals/a-72228147>

How Dreams of Buried Pirate Treasure Enticed Americans to Flock to Florida During the Roaring Twenties

[https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/how-dreams-of-buried-pirate-treasure-enticed-americans-to-flock-to-florida-during-the-roaring-twenties-180986376/?utm\\_source=smithsoniandaily&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=editorial&lctg=98054053](https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/how-dreams-of-buried-pirate-treasure-enticed-americans-to-flock-to-florida-during-the-roaring-twenties-180986376/?utm_source=smithsoniandaily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=editorial&lctg=98054053)

Long-Lost 'Merci Train' Given to New Jersey After World War II Has Been Found

[https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/long-lost-merci-train-given-to-new-jersey-after-world-war-ii-has-been-found-180986420/?utm\\_source=smithsoniandaily&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=editorial&lctg=98054053](https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/long-lost-merci-train-given-to-new-jersey-after-world-war-ii-has-been-found-180986420/?utm_source=smithsoniandaily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=editorial&lctg=98054053)

Abraham Lincoln's Blood-Stained Gloves, Early Scribblings and Dozens of Other Belongings Are Going Up for Sale

[https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/abraham-lincolns-blood-stained-gloves-early-scribblings-and-dozens-of-other-belongings-are-going-up-for-sale-180986417/?utm\\_source=smithsoniandaily&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=editorial&lctg=98054053](https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/abraham-lincolns-blood-stained-gloves-early-scribblings-and-dozens-of-other-belongings-are-going-up-for-sale-180986417/?utm_source=smithsoniandaily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=editorial&lctg=98054053)

Hundreds of Looted Ancient Artifacts Confiscated From the Black Market Are Now on Display in Naples

[https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/hundreds-of-looted-artifacts-confiscated-from-the-black-market-are-now-on-display-in-naples-180986443/?utm\\_source=smithsoniandaily&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=editorial&lctg=98054053](https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/hundreds-of-looted-artifacts-confiscated-from-the-black-market-are-now-on-display-in-naples-180986443/?utm_source=smithsoniandaily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=editorial&lctg=98054053)

As His 143-Year-Old Church Nears Completion, Architect Antoni Gaudí Is Placed on the Path to Sainthood

[https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/as-his-143-year-old-church-nears-completion-architect-antonи-gaudi-is-placed-on-the-path-to-sainthood-180986435/?utm\\_source=smithsoniandaily&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=editorial&lctg=98054053](https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/as-his-143-year-old-church-nears-completion-architect-antonи-gaudi-is-placed-on-the-path-to-sainthood-180986435/?utm_source=smithsoniandaily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=editorial&lctg=98054053)

After a backlash, National Park Service restores old Underground Railroad webpage that prominently features Harriet Tubman

[https://www.cnn.com/2025/04/07/us/harriet-tubman-underground-railroad-national-parks-service?Date=20250407&Profile=CNN&utm\\_content=1744069554&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=facebook&fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR6GQLJv1QCQBxI\\_4a3oS7-dtolv2t9XVFEd1jduwGf7ESuDr9DqScpUIWp4nA\\_aem\\_qOCpx-t2d7bJiVnVljkJQ&sfnsn=mo](https://www.cnn.com/2025/04/07/us/harriet-tubman-underground-railroad-national-parks-service?Date=20250407&Profile=CNN&utm_content=1744069554&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR6GQLJv1QCQBxI_4a3oS7-dtolv2t9XVFEd1jduwGf7ESuDr9DqScpUIWp4nA_aem_qOCpx-t2d7bJiVnVljkJQ&sfnsn=mo)

When Russian Radar Mistook a Norwegian Scientific Rocket for a U.S. Missile, the World Narrowly Avoided Nuclear War

[https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/when-russian-radar-mistook-a-norwegian-scientific-rocket-for-a-us-missile-the-world-narrowly-avoided-nuclear-war-180985836/?utm\\_source=smithsoniandaily&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=editorial&lctg=98054053](https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/when-russian-radar-mistook-a-norwegian-scientific-rocket-for-a-us-missile-the-world-narrowly-avoided-nuclear-war-180985836/?utm_source=smithsoniandaily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=editorial&lctg=98054053)

Amsterdam mayor apologizes for the city's role in the Holocaust

<https://apnews.com/article/amsterdam-holocaust-netherlands-apology-war-54b1428edcb7d2e8f420ceda4a3ba934>

Sachsenhausen concentration camp: Nazi terror near Berlin

<https://www.dw.com/en/sachsenhausen-concentration-camp-nazi-terror-near-berlin/a-72249553>

How the Smithsonian Supported Scientific Exploration During Westward Expansion

[https://www.smithsonianmag.com/blogs/smithsonian-books/2025/04/24/how-the-smithsonian-supported-scientific-exploration-during-westward-expansion/?utm\\_source=smithsoniandaily&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=editorial&lctg=98054053](https://www.smithsonianmag.com/blogs/smithsonian-books/2025/04/24/how-the-smithsonian-supported-scientific-exploration-during-westward-expansion/?utm_source=smithsoniandaily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=editorial&lctg=98054053)

Swiss Bührle Foundation reaches settlement with heirs of Jewish collector over Manet's 'La Sultane'

<https://www.theartnewspaper.com/2025/04/23/swiss-buhrlle-foundation-reaches-settlement-heirs-jewish-collector-manet-la-sultane>

Cleveland Museum of Art Statue to Be Sent Back to Libya, Where it Was Originally Stolen During WWII

<https://www.clevescene.com/news/cleveland-museum-of-art-statue-to-be-sent-back-to-libya-where-it-was-originally-stolen-during-wwii-46463936>

Melting Ice Reveals Body of American Mountaineer Missing for 22 Years in the Peruvian Andes

[https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/melting-ice-reveals-body-of-american-mountaineer-missing-for-22-years-in-the-peruvian-andes-180984690/?utm\\_source=smithsoniandaily&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=editorial&lctg=98054053](https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/melting-ice-reveals-body-of-american-mountaineer-missing-for-22-years-in-the-peruvian-andes-180984690/?utm_source=smithsoniandaily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=editorial&lctg=98054053)

Was Talos, the Bronze Automaton Who Guarded the Island of Crete in Greek Myth, an Early Example of Artificial Intelligence?

[https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/was-talos-the-bronze-automaton-who-guarded-the-island-of-crete-in-greek-myth-an-early-example-of-artificial-intelligence-180986467/?utm\\_source=smithsoniandaily&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=editorial&lctg=98054053](https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/was-talos-the-bronze-automaton-who-guarded-the-island-of-crete-in-greek-myth-an-early-example-of-artificial-intelligence-180986467/?utm_source=smithsoniandaily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=editorial&lctg=98054053)

What Syriac scribes chose to keep: A digital dive into 1,000 manuscripts

<https://phys.org/news/2025-04-syriac-scribes-chose-digital-manuscripts.html>

New evidence suggests surprise reason behind fall of Roman Empire

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/science/archaeology/ice-age-roman-empire-little-b2729412.html>

Ancient 'military outpost' in North Macedonia might be birthplace of Alexander the Great's grandmother

<https://www.livescience.com/archaeology/ancient-military-outpost-in-north-macedonia-might-be-birthplace-of-alexander-the-greats-grandmother>

Did every civilization have inequality? New 10,000-year study reveals a surprising answer.

<https://www.livescience.com/archaeology/inequality-isnt-new-but-its-far-from-inevitable-10-000-year-archeological-study-reveals>

The complex origin story of domestic cats: Research points to Tunisia

<https://phys.org/news/2025-04-complex-story-domestic-cats-tunisia.html>

Extreme drought contributed to barbarian invasion of late Roman Britain, tree-ring study reveals

<https://phys.org/news/2025-04-extreme-drought-contributed-barbarian-invasion.html>

Treasures found in the UK indicate Thetford was Pagan until the fifth century

<https://phys.org/news/2025-04-treasures-uk-thetford-pagan-century.html>

Ancient DNA challenges long-held assumptions about the Mediterranean Phoenician-Punic civilization

<https://phys.org/news/2025-04-ancient-dna-held-assumptions-mediterranean.html>

Italians spent thousands of years perfecting grape cultivation, ancient seeds show

<https://phys.org/news/2025-04-italians-spent-thousands-years-grape.html>

## Archaeology

Archaeologists Unearth Rare Reminder of Britain's Brief Reign Over the 'Nation's Oldest City'  
[https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/archaeologists-unearth-rare-reminder-britains-brief-reign-over-the-nations-oldest-city-180986340/?utm\\_source=smithsoniandaily&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=editorial&lctg=98054053](https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/archaeologists-unearth-rare-reminder-britains-brief-reign-over-the-nations-oldest-city-180986340/?utm_source=smithsoniandaily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=editorial&lctg=98054053)

History-Hunting Mudlarks Scour London's Shores to Uncover the City's Rich Archaeological Treasures  
[https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/history-hunting-mudlarks-scout-londons-shores-to-uncover-the-citys-rich-archaeological-treasures-180986374/?utm\\_source=smithsoniandaily&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=editorial&lctg=98054053](https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/history-hunting-mudlarks-scout-londons-shores-to-uncover-the-citys-rich-archaeological-treasures-180986374/?utm_source=smithsoniandaily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=editorial&lctg=98054053)

These Massive Monuments Hosted Community Gatherings Where Prehistoric People Mingled, Feasted and Buried Their Dead  
[https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/these-massive-monuments-hosted-community-gatherings-where-prehistoric-people-mingled-feasted-and-buried-their-dead-180986474/?utm\\_source=smithsoniandaily&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=editorial&lctg=98054053](https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/these-massive-monuments-hosted-community-gatherings-where-prehistoric-people-mingled-feasted-and-buried-their-dead-180986474/?utm_source=smithsoniandaily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=editorial&lctg=98054053)

LOST CITY OF THE SAMURAI  
<https://archaeology.org/issues/may-june-2025/features/lost-city-of-the-samurai/>

Analysis of medieval books reveals many were bound with sealskin  
<https://phys.org/news/2025-04-analysis-medieval-reveals-bound-sealskin.html>

Elite Celtic warrior had healed arrowhead injury in his pelvis, 3D bone analysis reveals  
<https://www.livescience.com/archaeology/elite-celtic-warrior-had-healed-arrowhead-injury-in-his-pelvis-3d-bone-analysis-reveals>

Archaeologists find nine kneeling skeletons at Quỳnh Văn site in Vietnam  
[https://www.ipost.com/archaeology/archaeology-around-the-world/article-851172#google\\_vignette](https://www.ipost.com/archaeology/archaeology-around-the-world/article-851172#google_vignette)

Women from the Bronze Age already carried heavy loads on their heads, skeletal analysis finds  
<https://phys.org/news/2025-04-women-bronze-age-heavy-skeletal.html>

Seeds, 3-D scans and Iron-Age artefacts deepen case for Holy Sepulchre's biblical garden  
<https://www.ipost.com/archaeology/archaeology-around-the-world/article-851319>

Archaeologists Uncover Unknown Minoan Ritual of Demolishing Tombs and Feasting  
<https://greekreporter.com/2025/04/24/minoan-ritual-demolishing-tombs-feasting/>

## Egyptology

AN EGYPTIAN TEMPLE REBORN

<https://archaeology.org/issues/march-april-2025/features/an-egyptian-temple-reborn/>

'Major' ancient Egyptian town discovered — and it has a jug stamped with the name of Nefertiti's daughter

<https://www.livescience.com/archaeology/ancient-egyptians/major-ancient-egyptian-town-discovered-and-it-has-a-jug-stamped-with-the-name-of-nefertitis-daughter>

## **General Science**

U.S. attorney demands scientific journal explain how it ensures 'viewpoint diversity'

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