CHICKEN OR EGG?

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Which came first, the chicken or the egg? That question has been around for a long time. I remember as a youngster a lot of kids enjoyed asking that question. No matter which answer one gave, another question came as to origin. Well, we no longer have to ask that question.

In a news story on the Internet at msheridan@nydailynews.com, it is stated that the answer has been found. Scientists in England say that they have "found the answer: The chicken!"

The article states.

Researchers wrote in a recently published report that it all comes down to one protein—ovocledidin-17—which helps in the formation of the egg's hard shell. This essential ingredient in the formation of the egg can only be produced inside a chicken; scientists from universities in Sheffield and Warwick concluded. "It had long been suspected that the egg came first, but now we have the scientific proof that shows that in fact the chicken came first," said Dr. Cohn Freeman, of Sheffield University's Department of Engineering Materials, London Daily Mail reports.

Aren't you glad that you now have a scientific answer to that age-old question? A survey associated with this story asked the question about which came first. The majority answer was the egg. For the child of God who believes the Bible to be the Word of God, the answer to this question was written down by Moses. Moses wrote,

"AND GOD SAID LET THE EARTH BRING FORTH THE LIVING CREATURE AFTER HIS KIND, CATTLE, AND CREEPING THING, AND BEAST OF THE EARTH AFTER HIS KIND: AND IT WAS SO. AND GOD MADE THE BEAST OF THE EARTH AFTER HIS KIND AND CATTLE AFTER THEIR KIND, AND EVERYTHING THAT CREEPETH UPON THE EARTH AFTER HIS KIND: AND GOD SAW THAT IT WAS GOOD" (Genesis 1:24-25).

A very important like question has been advanced, "Which came first: A human mother or a human baby?" This, as well as the answer to the chicken question, gets at the heart of evolution. In 1987, Ann Landers had the following question, "Is it biologically possible for a human to crossbreed with animals?" Ann answered, "A human can have sex with an animal but no offspring will result." She sought assistance from Dennis Borden, Ph. D., assistant chairman of the biochemistry department at Northwestern University. He said, "The human chromosomes and DNA material that govern reproduction are biologically incompatible with that of dogs, cats, cows, horses, sheep, etc. Mother Nature, in her infinite wisdom, saw to it that they don't mix

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This writer responded by thanking Ann and Dennis for their intentional (or unintentional) support of the Bible doctrine of creation. This writer received a response signed, "AL/ms": "...As I'm sure you realize, evolution didn't happen overnight. Two monkeys didn't just have a human baby..." Of course, this answer misses everything Ann and Dennis wrote in the letter.

According to God's Word, the chicken came first, and the father and mother came first. This stands written, and it will always stand written. Jesus gave His approval of what Moses wrote of the beginning in **Matthew 19:4-6**. Never be hesitant to state what God has said comes first, whether the chicken or the baby!

Beloved, Jesus said, "MY MOTHER AND MY BRETHREN ARE THESE WHICH HEAR THE WORD OF GOD, AND DO IT" (**Luke 8:21**). May all of us "hear" and "do" God's Word.