

Identity Thief? /The Study of the Basilisk Lizard

"Is the Basilisk Lizard guilty of Identity Theft? If this be so, the entire globe must pay its dues:"

Every reading of this story in scripture, I think of the Basilisk lizard, alias: Jesus Christ Lizard, I immediately had to look up the reasoning behind its nickname.

The amazing study of the [corytophanid](#) lizards (casquehead lizards or helmeted lizards) reveals an unusual commemorative:

*"And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away. And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone. But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary. And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, **walking on the sea**. And when the disciples saw him **walking on the sea**, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee **on the water**. And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, **he walked on the water, to go to Jesus**. But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and **beginning to sink**, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased. Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.*

Matthew 14:22-33

The Location of the Basilisk lizard appears to be in the tropical rain forests of Central America, from southern Mexico to Panama, and as far south as Ecuador. It thrives in and amongst the trees near its local water source.

I watched a neat clip of a startled Basilisk. A snake swam its way toward it, with no friendly intentions in mind. The reaction was shocking! On its hind legs, it jumped and ran across the depths of water for a good fifteen to twenty feet!

The speed was amazing: Approximately 5 ft. a second.

Their big accomplishment: To walk across the surface of the water, is due to the long toes on their back feet in which contain fringes of skin that flares out across the water. This creates tiny air pockets that prevents them from sinking providing they maintain their rapid pace across the water.

Remaining to run atop water for an extensive period of time, is impossible; Obviously, gravity eventually takes the advantage. Although an excellent swimmer: the resemblance of its actions was instantaneously accredited to its Creator!

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"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

Psalm 19:1

"I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well."

Psalms 139:14

God has designated specific responsibilities to nature itself: to reflect -as a mirror- their Maker's marvelous beauty, and bringing mankind back to the conclusion of their design by

providential hands!

“The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land.”

Psalm 95:5

“For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the LORD...”

Isaiah 66:2 a

The Basilisk lizard declares the wonderful message that one such Creator exists, and that his name is none other than Jesus Christ, and he should not be a lost world's only hope of ever being introduced to the Creator God!

Never leave nature alone to proclaim the truth of Creation!

“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world...” Psalm 19:1-4

“How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?”

Romans 10:14

It is up to we as God's Children, to portray the same conclusion as this lizard: That we have something in common with the Lord Jesus. As is the common inquiry: When standing before the judge with the accusation of being like Jesus Christ, would they discover enough evidence to convict you?

The conclusion of a look at the Basilisk Lizard is that it undoubtedly reflects glory and honor toward Christ, the question is not if the lizard has committed identity theft, but have we decided to perfectly reflect our Savior?

“For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps.”

1Peter 2:21

In short, we can reflect our creator by how we maintain our Christian conversation, publicize the truth, and teach the next generation. And may our very prayer be:

“That they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the LORD hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel hath created it.”

Isaiah 41:20

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