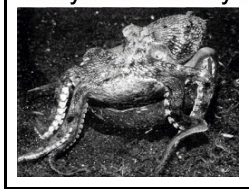


Wayne's Weekly Words



Amphiocto-pus marginatus

## RECOGNIZE THE CREATURE BELOW?

I suspect you do not recognize it. I would be surprised if you did. What has that to do with today's "Weekly Words." I ran across this article in the December 16<sup>th</sup> S.L.O. Tribune. Here's what it said!

SYDNEY (AP) — Australian scientists have discovered an octopus in Indonesia that collects coconut shells for shelter — unusually sophisticated behavior that the researchers believe is the first evidence of tool use in an invertebrate animal.

The scientists filmed the veined octopus, *Amphiocto-pus marginatus*, selecting halved coconut shells from the sea floor, emptying them out, carrying them under their bodies up to 65 feet, and assembling two shells together to make a spherical hiding spot.

San Luis Tribune, December 16, 2009

Doesn't that excite you? Actually, it should make you irate? Why? Do you know what is behind this?

Today, you are a "nobody" if you do not have a PhD. To get one you have to do a dissertation. This requires you to do a lot of expensive research. Most candidates send in a research proposal to the NSF and are granted a considerable amount of money to use on this research.

So, what does that have to do with you? Where do you suppose the funding for the National Science Foundation which supplies the money comes from? YOUR taxes! It does not matter that the research is pointless! Aren't you glad that some scuba diver got your money to find out about this octopus? I seriously doubt it!

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advance the national health, prosperity, and welfare; to secure the national defense..." With an annual budget of about \$6.06 billion, we are the funding source for approximately 20 percent of all federally supported basic research conducted by America's colleges and universities.

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Let's get serious!

*For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: **"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent."** Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For Jews request a sign, **and Greeks seek after wisdom**; but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block **and to the Greeks foolishness**, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. Because the **foolishness of God is wiser than men**, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.*

1 Corinthians 1:18-25 (NKJV)

and

***Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man--and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.***

Romans 1:22-23 (NKJV)

The passage in Romans is a bit out of context, but it still carries the point. What a wasted life (or a portion thereof) these people have! Knowing about some obscure octopus will do nothing for anyone. Knowing the Lord Jesus Christ will do everything for everyone!

Untold millions are on their way to Eternal Hell and yet people are playing in the sea with their scuba gear! Instead of men studying sea life, they ought to be studying what the Scriptures teach about Eternal Life!

