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## THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

### The Lizard that Sneezes Salt



*And the ferret, and the chameleon, and the lizard, and the snail, and the mole. – Leviticus 11:30*

In the arid desert regions of the southwestern United States lives a creature with so many astonishing abilities, it speaks loud and clear about God's hand in creation! Chuckwallas are large lizards that eat desert plants loaded with salt – a diet that would kill most animals. But these lizards are equipped with special glands in their nostrils that remove salt from their bloodstream. When the glands have filled up with salt, the chuckwalla sneezes, shooting crystallized salt out of its nostrils!

Our Creator has also given them the ability to change the color of their skin. Of course, other lizards and sea creatures are able to do this to hide from predators. But chuckwallas change color for a different reason. To survive in desert regions that are freezing cold at night and blazing hot during the day, their skin is dark in the morning to quickly absorb the warming rays of the sun. Later in the day, their skin becomes much lighter to reflect the desert heat. How cool is that?

The chuckwalla's skin is also very loose and baggy. Here's why. When a predator approaches, the chuckwalla squeezes itself into a rocky crevice. It then swallows lots of air, blowing itself up like a balloon that's wedged so tightly in the rock, the predator can't pull it out.

Now, how can mindless, purposeless evolution account for a creature with so many extraordinary abilities?

Ref: DeWitt Steele, *Science: Order and Reality*, p. 138 (Beka Book Publications, 1980). Jobe Martin, *The Evolution of a Creationist*, pp. 249-250 (MMII Biblical Discipleship Publishers, 2004). Photo: Common chuckwalla. Courtesy of TimVickers. (PD)

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