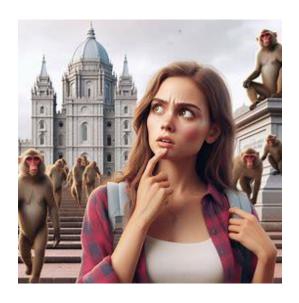
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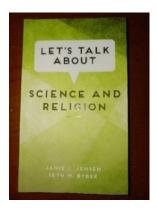
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Part 1: BYU Advocating Evolution

A Troublesome Book



The theme of Jamie L. Jensen and Seth M. Bybee's book, published at Deseret Book Co. in 2023, is that we need to accept the fact of evolution and adjust our religious beliefs accordingly. The back cover fold reveals that "[Jamie] is also a member of the Broader Social Impacts Committee for the Human Origins Initiative at the Smithsonian, joining other religious scientists to help the American public feel more comfortable with evolution."



My book is not an attack on the authors of the Let's Talk book but a rebuttal of the theory of evolution, particularly in the context of the restored gospel. The Let's Talk book serves as a helpful guide showcasing many popular arguments advocated by Christian (and Latter-day Saint) evolutionists in particular, so I will refer to it regularly throughout this book. I'll refer to the Let's Talk About Science and Religion book as "LTSR."

I've gone to great lengths to ensure that my teachings here are not attacks against specific people but against specific ideas. I trust that those who advocate evolution in the restored church and elsewhere are generally good people trying to help the world in the way they best know-how. I hope that my perspectives in this book will be a useful tool in forming opinions on these subjects, serving as more of a beacon of light than a weapon in a fight. While I stand firm in my convictions and do my best to defend those views, I mean no harm to anyone.

By way of introduction to my message, here are a few key claims from the Let's Talk book, which I will address in further detail later:

[&]quot;all living things on earth (both plants and animals) share a common ancestor." -pg. 48

[&]quot;homo sapiens (us) [are] the only species left among our human-like ancestors" pg. 39

"the varying views [on evolution] of church leaders over time." Pg. 50

"Neither [1st Presidency] statement confirmed or denied the claims of evolutionary science..." pgs. 49-50

"[scriptures are] not meant to be a scientific textbook on how the creation took place." Pg. 50

"You can almost think of educating ourselves and our children [about evolution] as a vaccination against Satan's attempts to destroy our faith...[Satan] seeks to infuse doubt into our minds when we encounter something in science [evolution] that seems to disagree with what we thought about the world." Pg. 35

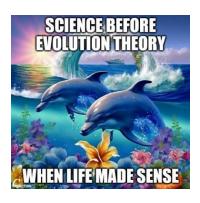
"This ["non-threatening"] approach is effective in increasing evolution acceptance." Pg. 36

"the first living things began to appear at least by 1.9 billion years ago and possibly even before, at 3.4-3.6 billion years ago. Thus, if God prepared evolution as a mechanism for creation, then this creation presumably began with this first life-form, which then transformed through generations..." pg. 52

I feel that these claims are clearly at odds with Christian and restoration teachings on the creation and divine origins of mankind.

My Book

Who am I to write this book series responding to evolutionist claims? I'm not an expert on evolution, but I have taken many university science classes (at BYU, where evolution is taught). I taught science professionally for several years, and it's a topic I've taken an active interest in for many years.



On the religion side, as an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, I am very concerned about the growing popularity of evolution being advocated in church schools, church bookstores, and even some church meetings and publications which are at odds with the long-held views of the restoration.

I'm probably going to get some things wrong as I try to explain science and doctrine in defense of God as the Creator, so please be patient with my imperfection in

knowledge and temperament. I do get excited about this topic and am known to have a bit of fun with things, which not everyone appreciates. I hope you can look past these imperfections and appreciate the real message of this book. Fortunately,



we don't have to make flawless presentations to effectively stand up for the truth.

Everyone is capable of detecting truth from error, even the weak. In fact, it is usually by the weak that God does His work. I believe the honest reader will find that this book to be full of well thought out and well researched material, despite the occasional error. In the free world, we don't leave all the thinking to the experts. Regular citizens can and should form opinions based on the claims of various expert researchers. The last thing you should think about scientific research is that it's all settled and one-sided, or that you can't understand the different sides. We're not going to leave this to experts; we are going to speak out and brace ourselves for whatever comes. All we have to do to lose the culture war is to be silent and afraid. We all have the right to express our views, even if we aren't

college professors or general authorities in the church. I've seen what many of the journals, textbooks, scriptures, and prophets have to say and have come to a decision that I confidently share in this book.

Elder Nelson even urged us to help those who are stuck on the theory of natural selection, the engine of evolution. He said, "It is **incumbent upon each informed and spiritually attuned person to help overcome such foolishness of those who would deny divine creation or think that mankind simply evolved.** by the spirit, we perceive the **truer and more believable** wisdom of god." (p10, The Power Within Us, or *The Magnificence of Man*, March 29, 1987, BYU Devotional https://speeches.byu.edu/talks/russell-m-nelson/magnificence-man/)

Elder Ronald A. Rasband urged the saints to be proactive in defending prophetic teachings. He said, referring to the prophet, "We do not sit quietly by but actively defend him." (October 2024 General Conference)

While some dismiss this entire topic as unimportant to salvation, casting it off as a superfluous sideshow, great thinkers have always recognized the religious importance of a correct understanding of the creation. Saint Thomas Aquinas said, "They hold a plainly false opinion who say that in regard to the truth of religion it does not matter what a person thinks about creation so long as he has the correct opinion concerning God. An error concerning the creation ends as false thinking

about God." (Thomas Aquinas cited in Thomas P. Rausch, Reconciling Faith and Reason: Apologists, Evangelists, and Theologians in a Divided Church - Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2000, page 12.)

Versions Of Creation & Evolution Explained

On page 20, LTSR talks about five different views on creation.

1. "Young Earth Creation" (6 24-hour periods by God): This is the view most Christians espouse, and it's much closer to the truth than evolution.

Abraham 4:23 actually makes an interesting case for a single calendar day is what is meant by days of creation, describing each creation day as morning until evening: "And it came to pass that it was from evening until morning that they called night; and it came to pass that it was from morning until evening that they called day; and it was the fifth time." Note that these days could have been based on our time or God's time, whose day is 1000 years to us.

On page 20, the LTSR authors say, "Young earth creationism is not supported by the science that shows

our earth has existed for **at least** 4.5 billion years and that life has existed upwards of 3.5 billion years." We will get more into those numbers later.

- 2. "Day Age Creation" (6 periods of creation by God of unknown length): This is the truth when understood in light of a day to God being a 1000-year period. The 1:1000 conversion is not a whim; it is scriptural (JST 2 Peter 3:8; Facs. 2 Fig. 1; Abr. 3:6-11). This is also not tolerated as a realistic possibility in the Let's Talk Science book. For them, it's mainstream billions of years of evolution or bust. While many seek to spiritualize these passages, D&C 77:6-7, 12 on the temporal lifespan of Earth as 7000 years reminds us that God isn't just being figurative with the 1000-year day of God. We also see that Adam died the day he ate the fruit, meaning before 1000 years had expired.
- 3. "Progressive Creation" (Multiple periods of creation over millions of years.): Note how this theory is just another type of evolution, employing the old 'millions of years' line. It's clearly not the intended message of scripture.
- 4. "Theistic Evolution" (Evolution, but with God involved somehow.): This is the theory many latter-day saints ascribe to, now that teachings against evolution have been drown out by BYU and the prevailing secular culture of America. Though many have accepted this view, not all Church members are buying

it. Many, especially those among the older generation of saints, still remember and believe creation truths from days past.

Theistic evolution theory is the most laughable, as evolutionary theory's whole point is to be an alternative theory to God as the Creator. The god of evolution is not all-powerful, all-knowing, or perfect – he is wasteful and tyrannical. In short, he is nonsensical and nothing like the God of the scriptures and the restoration.

5. "Agnostic Evolution" (Evolution either with or without God.): This theory isn't really an option because evolution theory is inherently atheistic, and most people have taken a side.

6. "Atheistic Evolution" (Evolution without God.): This is the only possibility with evolution, as the heart of evolution theory is that natural (not supernatural) causes are to thank for the world as we know it.

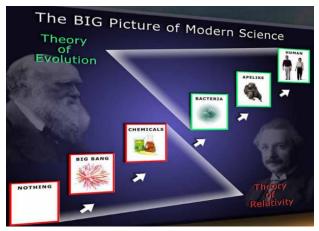


Talk About Evolution

Religious people who reject evolution all believe in the scientific method—in observing, making hypotheses, performing tests, and looking at what nature reveals. The controversy is not between science and religion; it is between evolutionary theory and religion. Evolution is frequently (and unfairly) equated with science itself.

Technically there are a few ways the word evolution can be used. It can refer to observable changes in a bird's beak, we all agree that happens. It's called microevolution. Then there's the change from one species into another, like a bear into a whale, that's the controversy, it's called macroevolution.

So did man come from monkeys? The evolution picture is a very different picture than mankind being born as "direct lineal offspring of Deity" as the 1st Presidency taught (more on that later). In evolution theory, modern science claims that in the beginning was nothing, then that nothing exploded in a Big Bang, which made chemicals, which made microscopic life, which evolved into large life, which evolved into man.



(Image: Universal Model 1)

As a full-time science teacher, it became increasingly evident to me that evolution theory is being upheld by shaky evidence, government dollars, ignorance of the masses, and a lot of misguided faith. In many ways, evolution has become its own religion.



Some promote Christian evolution in efforts to preserve faith in God, which is admirable, but only when we align ourselves with truth can we effectively advocate for faith in God. Evolutionists attempt to teach the saints that evolution and church teachings are compatible. This is a band-aid to the problem and won't last. The real problem is that we have been invaded by a false theory (evolution) which is pulling many away from the true faith. Those who accept evolution and the gospel of Christ at the same time are bound to be disappointed.



Many people are losing their testimonies over evolution. Evolutionists in the church have not failed to notice this, and hence this book was born expressing their attempts to mingle evolution and religion. The authors include a chapter on environmental science to make it look like this book is about more than just evolution when this book is directly aimed at convincing people to embrace evolution, just like the author's biography on the back cover suggests. People aren't leaving the church over climate change global warming studies; evolution is the reason this book was written and hiding that is a tactic used by evolutionists everywhere. For example, when a school or a museum etc. has a controversial policy about what to do with evolution, they avoid using the word evolution and merely call it science. Another reason they do this is to make it seem like evolution is science itself rather than a controversial dogmatic agenda, an atheistic worldview which is attempting to take over all rivaling philosophies and religions.



Sooner or later, evolutionists must face the ramifications of their message, and that tends to make them uncomfortable.

Jamie states in the book that she allows for a few possibilities of how Adam came to be. Among those were that Adam evolved from monkeys, or that Adam was put on earth when the monkeys had evolved enough to be humans, or that Adam was just an allegory and never really existed. As you can see all these ideas insist on one thing: you can't let go of belief in evolution!

Evolution theory has taken deep root in our church, which used to routinely dismiss it. Though church leaders sometimes rebuke the theory of evolution today, it remains a thriving part of modern latter-day saint culture. However, it has become a great hindrance to those investigating the faith, as many know instinctively and from their Christian backgrounds that evolution theory is hostile toward God as the creator.



Brigham Young: Embrace Knowledge & Reject Evolution



On page 37 the LTSR authors quote Brigham Young calling for us to embrace all knowledge. Sounds great right? The issue is that Brigham was clearly against evolution, therefore, they are taking Brigham's statement out of context. Let's look at how he really felt about evolution: "We have enough and to spare, at

present in these mountains, of schools where young infidels are made because the teachers are so tenderfooted that they dare not mention the principles of the gospel to their pupils, but have no hesitancy in introducing into the classroom the theories of **Huxley**, of **Darwin**, or of Miall . . . this course I am resolutely and **uncompromisingly opposed to**, and I hope to see the day when the doctrines of the gospel will be taught in all our schools, when the revelation of the Lord will be our texts, and our books will be written and manufactured by ourselves and in our own midst. As a beginning in this direction I have endowed the Brigham Young Academy at Provo." (Brigham Young, Letters of Brigham Young to His Sons, p. 200)

Clearly we are not keeping the vision of Brigham Young at BYU today. Famous church educator Hugh Nibley, aware of Brigham's vision, lamented BYU's dogmatic embrace of Darwinism. He said, "The purpose of the BYU, then, is to challenge the reigning philosophies of Darwinism and what today is commonly called Social-Darwinism (Amla 30:17) — not to forbid their teaching but to present the gospel alternatives to it. Instead of which we still embrace both with uncritically open arms . . ." (Hugh Nibley, More Brigham Young on Education, Sperry Lecture, Brigham Young University, 11 March 1976)

For reference, here is Alma 30:17: 17, which can easily be associated with social Darwinism: "And many more such things did he say unto them, telling them that there could be no atonement made for the sins of men,

but every man fared in this life according to the management of the creature; therefore every man prospered according to his genius, and that every man conquered according to his strength; and whatsoever a man did was no crime."

Social Darwinism typically refers to the idea of those who are strong rightfully prevailing and the weak being left to die, as they are less fit. This idea also extends to the concept that we can act "dog eat dog" or "cutthroat" since being strongest is what's right and best. Soon, this line of thinking has people acting like animals, inhumanely, and without Christian values of morality or even basic ethics. Soon, cheating and other sins become just another tool to 'survive' against the competition. Alma's message is a stirring condemnation of Darwinism and its fruits.



BYU Evolution Classes, Bean Museum, Evolution Teachers, & Correspondence with the Brethren

At BYU, where teachers are supported by tithing dollars of the saints, evolution isn't just being taught as a theory of men to be familiar with, it is being advocated as truth. I saw it firsthand when I took science classes there (I graduated from BYU in 2019). Multiple science professors insisted that evolution was God's mechanism for creation and encouraged me to dismiss all the prophetic teachings against it.

One BYU biology professor made a stirringly dogmatic statement in favor of evolution. He said, "Evolution by natural selection is the most important scientific discovery of modern times (I am stoically unapologetic about the lack of equivocation in that statement). The evidences for it are staggeringly abundant, detailed, and scientifically undeniable." (Steven L. Peck, BYU Professor of Biology, Why Mormons Should Embrace Evolution)

This BYU article celebrates "50 years of evolution teaching at BYU"

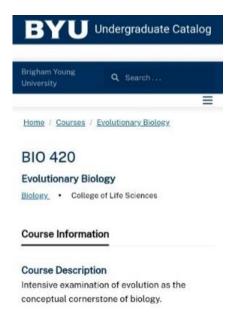
https://lifesciences.byu.edu/magazine/50-years-of-teaching-evolution-at-byu.



"Science dominated by the spirit of religion is the key to progress and the hope of the future."—David O. McKay

The article features a child looking at a skeleton, the child's height. That terrifying image is, I think, a representation of offending God's little ones with contrary doctrines. The article is from "Impact Magazine." Of that, we can agree that all of this is certainly making an impact! Then notice how they quote a prophet saying religion must dominate science. Perhaps we have selected the wrong religion, that of evolution. Perhaps we have the form of godliness but deny the power thereof. Perhaps with our mouths, we profess the Lord, but the doctrines we espouse are far from Him. One professor of philosophy and zoology pointed out how evolution is a religion of its own. He said, "Evolution is promulgated as an ideology, a secular religion – a full fledged alternative to Christianity, with meaning and morality... Evolution is a religion. This was true of evolution in the beginning, and it is true of evolution still today" (Michael Ruse, Professor of Philosophy and Zoology, University of Guelph). While Christian evolutionists seek to create a hybrid religion between Christianity and evolution, such blends have historically proven disastrous.

For those unaware that evolutionary theory is being advocated in Church sponsored schools, here's a BYU class on evolution as the "cornerstone of biology:"



The Bean Museum at BYU promotes "...reverence for our evolving planet." I worry that this does not match with reverence for God's truth as revealed in scripture.



Take a look at their permanent human evolution displays:



I am aware that evolutionary theorists at BYU keep statistics about how many BYU students convert from

believing in creation to believing in evolution. They offer to help teach other Christian schools how to do this.

In recent correspondence with a member of the 1st Presidency about evolution being taught at BYU, my friend was told that by teaching evolution, BYU is making students aware of the theories of men but not advocating them. This was a logical response about what SHOULD be happening. But it is evident that they are indeed advocating evolution as truth, both from my years at BYU, and as evidenced by the Let's Talk about Science and Religion book by BYU professors.

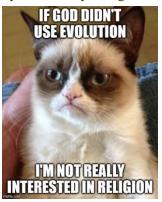
Here is BYU evolution professor's door joining people to celebrate Darwin's birthday, and an advertisement for a BYU evolution class:



Also note the open promotion of gay pride. President Benson taught us to "beware of pride."

Some evolutionists in the restored church unabashedly teach that we should accept evolution despite spiritual teachings to the contrary. Secular teacher Ben Spackman said, "Well, It's very clear that apostles, prophets and scriptures reject evolution and, ah, you decide that science is a conspiracy, it's false, maybe it's satanic, and you start claiming that true church doctrine is a young earth and, ah, creationism and moreover those professors at BYU are leading the church astray. They're off base. Currently this is the heartlander movement. They are literally doing this."

He also said, "The Problem in the Church is **not** that you can't be an evolutionist and accept church doctrine. The problem is the nature of prophets, scripture and revelation. If you think they must know what God knows and



always teach what God knows as facts, by that standard. Again I want to be clear—by that standard—Our Prophets and scriptures are false." (5/4/2020, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0xPAl_GmgNA&t=249s)

Elsewhere, Spackman gives a lecture titled "Science Falsely So Called: How Latter-Day Saints Came To Misread Scripture As Science."
(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0xPAl_GmgNA&t=249s)

This divorce of scripture from science is a foreign concept, not in keeping with the revelations of the restoration. More on that later in this book.

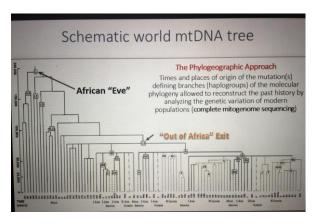
Spackman keeps digging, and says, "Now, obviously you all know the church's position on evolution is that evolution happened, but did you know that **this is also contrary to scripture** in some sense and **wasn't the church's teaching** for a while,..." (Ben Spackman, Aug. 13, 2018, Gospel tangents interview, Evolution-creation controversy

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i1DkqKm5pZE&p bjreload=10)

Spackman perhaps hits it on the head when he says that we are becoming a church run by professionals. He says, "My impression is that what we're seeing in the church today is professionalization. ... it took a while for us to have professional historians, but now we're seeing the fruits of that with the Joseph Smith Papers Project, with the Gospel Topics essays. These people who are professionally trained are being trusted by the authorities of the church, in terms of the information they're presenting." (Aug 13, 2018, Gospel Tangents Interview, Ben Spackman on Evolution-Creation Controversy, edited by Rick C.

Bennett, Jr.)

PhD. Ugo A. Perego joined the chorus of scriptural-non-literalism and taught at a 2017 FairMormon conference, "look I think Genesis is a story it's not science but it's a story..." (min. 17:33 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HKsaK0ZKbVk) Perego is known for his claims that God put Adam's spirit into an evolved hominid, and similar Christian evolutionist claims in contradiction to the teachings of the restoration. Ugo teaches of a 200,000 year past "African Eye."



Elder Joseph Fielding Smith addressed similar claims about pre-Adamic people in 1930. He said, "Even in the Church there are a scattered few who are now advocating and contending that this earth was peopled with a race—perhaps many races—long before the days of Adam. These men desire, of course, to square the teachings in the Bible with the teachings of modern

science and philosophy in regard to the age of the earth and life on it. If you hear any one talking this way, you may answer them by saying that the doctrine of "pre-

Adamites" is not a doctrine of the Church, and is not advocated nor countenanced by the Church. There is no warrant in the scriptures, not an authentic word, to sustain it." (p.147 October 1930 issue of The Utah Genealogical and Historical Magazine.

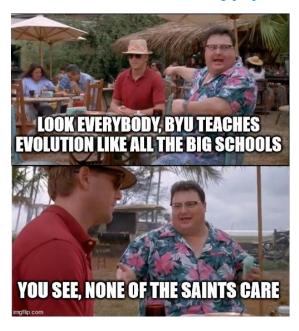




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In his landmark "14 Fundamentals of Following the Prophet" address, President Ezra Taft Benson's 11th principle was that "The two groups who have the greatest difficulty in following the prophet are the **proud** who are learned and the **proud** who are rich." He said, "The learned may feel the prophet is only inspired when he agrees with them; **otherwise**, **the prophet is just giving his opinion** [his assumptions]—speaking as a man. The rich may feel they have no

need to take counsel of a lowly prophet." (President Ezra Taft Benson, Feb. 26, 1980 https://speeches.byu.edu/talks/ezra-taft-benson/fourteen-fundamentals-following-prophet/)



BYU Hawaii President Would "Refuse" to Stop Teaching Evolution & Mocks Scripture Literalists

Wootton describes those who take the scriptures at their word as follows in his Saints and Science book: limited understanding, Naïve, perilous literalism, fundamentalist, evangelical, lack of exposure to science, narrowness, traditional, unlearned/uneducated, rigid, medieval, openly antagonistic, scientifically untenable (see Richard T. Wootton, Saints and Science).

Wootton, as BYU Hawaii president, insisted on evolution teaching when under accreditation review. He said, "The Hawaii campus of BYU was being evaluated by an accreditation team of the western college association for its crucial first possible accreditation. Dr. Bill Priest of the team, a national leader in college administration, challenged me, asking, in effect, Dr. Wootton, this is the college of a very strict church: no smoking, no drinking, no sex. It seems fundamentalist. So do you allow your science department to teach evolution? I replied that if any professor in our biological science department did not teach the theory of evolution, I would seriously question his competence. Dr. Priest asked if the church believed that god used evolution to establish creatures. I replied that it does not believe so, or otherwise, officially. I referred to some of my doctrinal findings, now stated in this book, about how many Mormon scientists are both staunch members and believers in evolution" (Richard T. Wootton— President BYU Hawaii 1959-1964, Saints and Scientists p.68)

The tale goes on, where Wootton says if asked by the Church Apostles to stop the teaching of evolution at BYU, he would refuse. He continues: "He noticed that I said that "members can choose." He asked if top leaders could choose, and whether we could

conceivably get a leader over the church who opposed the teaching of evolution. My answer was "possibly." dr. priest then asked what I would do if that leadership expected me to have our biology teacher stop teaching any evolution. I replied that this was a hypothetical situation, which I did not believe would occur. But Dr. Priest continued to question what I would do if I were asked to 'shut down' our biology professor on evolution. I said I would answer honestly, but not meaning to presume any special courage, because I didn't think it would come up. "I wouldn't do it." He asked whether that might not cost me this job. I said that in that case, I would work elsewhere. That was the end of the inquiry. I never knew whether my answer on this had any effect on the outcome. but the full accreditation was granted with considerable commendation to the college from the committee" (Richard T. Wootton—President BYU Hawaii 1959-1964, Saints and Scientists p.69)



Thankfully Elder Holland has recently said that we are willing to lose accreditation at BYU if people keep pushing the issue of gender fluidity, etc. He also called for more musket fire at BYU defending church

teachings on marriage between a man and woman, etc. His discourse is now part of required reading for freshman BYU students in a course on the mission of BYU (see https://speeches.byu.edu/talks/jeffrey-r-holland/the-second-half-second-century-brigham-young-university/).

For more of Wootton's worrisome philosophies, see the section of this book on doctrines of the flood of Noah.

My BYU Professors Who Encouraged Me To Accept Evolution

While a BYU student (I graduated 2019), multiple science professors tried to persuade me that evolution is God's method of creation. They sweepingly dismissed all of the teachings of the prophets against the doctrinal and philosophical issues with evolution theory.

I have audio recordings from my Bio 100 class (required for all BYU students) from 2013, where the professor repeatedly taught that all living things, both humans and animals, descended from a common ancestor.

As a recently returned missionary, this freshman-year required class lecture promoting humans from monkeys and other lesser life forms did not sit well with me. I began collecting quotes of the prophets on evolution and seriously thinking about this conflict with all I had been taught.

In the fall of 2015, my introductory astronomy class (a class that would satisfy general ed requirements), the professor promoted Big Bang cosmic evolution. She said she didn't know why students wouldn't accept cosmic evolution and suggested we all just be awed by it and accept it. I wasn't going to let this professor go so easily now that I had done more research, and I had a long conversation in the dark star room with her about the conflict between the prophets and evolution.

Suffice it to say that she had no satisfactory answers for me.

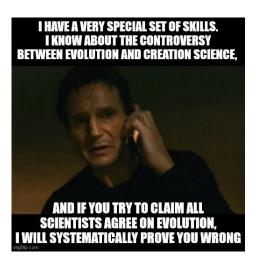
I also encountered a chemistry professor who told me to reject the idea that what the prophets teach is always right. He



literally laughed about the issue. He was also an evolutionist.

Basically, everywhere I turned in the BYU science world, there was universal and unquestioning acceptance of evolution.

In biology class we were required to read a First Presidency statement that Adam was the first man, but that was quickly trivialized, made into something metaphysical rather than real.



Parents of BYU Students Not Happy About BYU Evolution Promotion

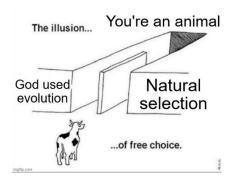
In the recent past, several parents and concerned saints shared stories with me of their experiences with BYU evolution teachings harming their children as part of a petition we sent to then BYU President Kevin Worthin

with over 70 signatures to which we heard no reply. The following are a few of the accounts shared with me.

Jill Korajac shares:

"We sent our first two children to BYU under the complete assumption that what was being taught there was in line with the doctrine of the Church, scripture, and the words of the prophets. We have been severely disappointed to learn that not only is that not the case, but that the university is filled with progressive professors teaching the philosophies of men, outright Darwinism, and other new age ideas that do not align with doctrine and revelation. Why is this happening at a private university owned and operated by the Church? These teachings have affected our older children and their spouses who also graduated from BYU, and it

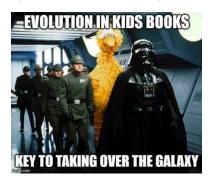
has been very sad for our family to have this influence and undermining of what we strived so much to teach in our



home. We had trusted that sending our children to BYU was the best thing we could do for them, and we have felt deceived and betrayed."

- Jill Korajac

Unfortunately, is not an isolated story.



Margaret Stoddard shares:

"I attended BYU in the late 1960's, and I've had nine children attend the BYU's--five graduating from BYU Provo, and four from BYU Idaho. While attending these Church-owned universities, each of my children was confronted regularly with the teaching of organic evolution (that man evolved from lower forms of animals), which was presented as fact, not theory. In one biology class at BYU, my son's professor literally bore his testimony to the truthfulness of Darwinian evolution. Often my children confided in me that any time they commented in class against what was being taught contrary to the teachings of the Church on the subject, they were shut down and impugned by their professors. I agree with my children, that the students at the BYU's are not just merely being taught to believe

that evolution is a "fact," but that they're being indoctrinated to believe it, and literally brainwashed... I have spoken to numerous friends who have had children attend one of the BYU's, only to have them fall away from the Church (many of them returned missionaries) because of what they were taught there, which caused them to lose their testimonies of the Gospel...

"When my daughters were attending BYU Idaho, I was concerned about what they were being taught in their science classes, and so I visited one of their religion teachers. He said that the religion department was told by the administration that they were not to teach anything against evolution, not only to avoid contention, but because when those students attend the science classes on campus and realize that evolution is a "fact," they will lose faith in the teachings of the Prophets and the scriptures on the subject.

"This is a serious matter. The students are not even being given the opportunity to use their agency and choose what to believe on the subject of organic evolution, because they are being propagandized by only being taught one side."

Ruth Willardson shares:

"Our daughter went to BYU, and struggled with the teachings she received. She is now an atheist and leaning towards socialism, which is also taught at

BYU. She has a mighty influence on her siblings and now three of her six siblings are also atheists and socialists. Think of how our hearts are broken. Also, one of my husband's coworkers is a BYU student. He was a returned missionary, and had a strong testimony of the restored gospel, until he took a BYU class recently on Marxism. He's lost his testimony and is now a self-proclaimed Marxist."

Ruth Willardson also shared of an experience where she witnessed BYU graduates dogmatically promoting evolution to a group of school children based on what they had learned at BYU:

"Several years ago I was substituting for a biology class at Provo High School. This time was completely different though. I was told that I would simply be a

"warm body" and that two biology majors from BYU would be teaching the class. I was to remain in the teacher's study which had a glass window that I could observe



from, but that I was not to interfere with their teaching. These two girls told the class that what their parents, primary and youth Sunday school teachers, even their bishops had told them about the Creation, was completely false, and that they were chosen to come and set the record straight. I believe that what I observed that day was a class full of students shocked,

disillusioned, and losing their testimonies. I spoke with these two afterwards and discovered that they were just like these students until they were taught "the truth" at BYU! They were SO convincing that they almost had ME believing. But I went home and prayed about it and I received a strong confirmation that what they

taught was false doctrine...one of them told me that she had come very close to being excommunicated for her outspoken opinions on how



Heavenly Father, Jesus Christ and Adam started the whole creation and that Adam and Eve's parents were some sort of apes."

Brian Nettles shares:

"My name is Brian Nettles, a graduate from a long time ago. I just don't understand how BYU could corrupt the intent of the university as badly as it has. I have great faith in the leaders of the church. But I ask myself often how long it will be before they make a purging of the BYU leadership over this issue. I hope it happens soon. I cannot even recommend my son to go to this school and it is all because of this issue. Evolution should be taught as the philosophy of the world, not the philosophy of God."

Calling for a Testimony of Evolution? Their Successful & Comfortable "Reconciliation Model"

On page 36 the pro-evolution book circulating in The Church titled "Let's Talk about Science and Religion" (LTSR) by Jamie Jensen and Seth Bybee review their "Reconciliation Model" about pitching a soft sale of evolution to Christians. The model includes reviewing evolution from a religious perspective, bringing up scriptures, modern revelation, and Church teachings.

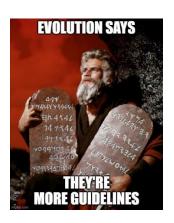
They claim that using their model results in no loss of faith. I'll tell you what it does result in: a new faith, and a new religion, very different to the teachings of Christ and



His appointed messengers.

On page 36 the LTSR authors talk about presenting evolution in a "nonthreatening" way. They say, "this approach is effective in increasing evolution acceptance." These authors are out to get you! They

are looking for converts and are tactful in their sly methods! They claim that in this there is no decrease in religious commitment, but they can't measure what the theory has and will do to the lives and testimonies of the students they convert. Elder Anderson recently pointed out that 30 million have left Christianity in the last 10 years. Presenting evolution in a friendly "nonthreatening" way is only going to hold back the faith crisis for so long. No matter how "nonthreatening" they present false material, it's still false. And if we aren't building faith, we are tearing it down. The Christ says you're either with me or against me.



A "COMPLETE" UNDERSTANDING, AS IN TESTIMONY OF EVOLUTION?

On page 37 the LTSR authors call for "a complete understanding of science." They claim that

understanding evolution is the only way to be inoculated against "alternative ideas from the world that may shake our testimonies." LTSR authors do believe in God, but I see a great contradiction - evolution was and is a philosophy designed to get rid of God. The principles of evolutionary theory are inherently anti-Christ. Here's an alternative idea: God creating humans directly without lesser lifeforms. This refreshing view is not an "idea from the world."

NO "COMFORT" IN FALSE TEACHINGS



On page 38 the LTSR authors begin an entire chapter titled "Comfort with Uncertainty." They say we shouldn't get rid of evolution even though its inherent religious contradictions make us feel bad. Aren't we supposed to heed the spirit which warns us of falsehood? Christ taught that "ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). The Book of Mormon teaches that "ye may know the truth of all things" (Moroni 10:5). Beware becoming overly

attached to the theory of evolution, or you might become "past feeling, that ye could not feel his words" (1 Ne. 17:45). The plain witness of the spirit and of nature are against evolution, but plain and precious truths are often unaccepted by those who embrace the theories of men.

"MUCH TO LEARN," BUT DON'T FORGET WHAT WE ALREADY KNOW!

On page 38 the LTSR authors point out that we must "recognize that in both science and religion we still have much to learn." But they don't acknowledge what we DO know about science and religion. Genetics proves to us that one species cannot transform into another, no matter how much time is allowed. Detailed fossil findings prove that life has not transitioned gradually from simple to complex. Scripture has proven many things to us which they refuse to acknowledge.

All of this 'reconciliation' of Christianity and evolution hasn't set well with the prophets. Look at what Joseph Fielding Smith taught about trying to mix the two, and the historic parallels of these dangerous methods. He said, "So now, in the twentieth century, the doctrines of the critics of the Bible and the teachings of the organic evolutionists, have gained the ascendency in the scientific world. It is true that in former years we lived in a Christian nation, the fact persists that now

many Christian ministers, so-called, have been caught in the web of modernism and organic evolution and have rejected the fundamental doctrines of Christianity; and they, like the Christians in the days of Rome, have mingled their religious views with these modern (pagan) teachings. Because of the influence of destructive criticism and these theories of the descent of man, many ministers have rejected the fall of Adam, the atonement of Jesus Christ, and the resurrection of the dead. In fact they have come to the point where they have discarded the doctrine of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and that he is the Only Begotten Son of God. Their Christianity, filled with abundant errors before, has sunk to a lower level. These advocates of modernism and evolutionary teachings, glory in the fact that their influence has helped to eliminate from Christianity, the "dogma of Adam's fall," (White, Dr. A. D., History of the Warfare of Science with Christian Theology, Vol. 1, pp. 222) and the "Legendary husks and rinds of our sacred books" (White, Dr. A. D., History of the Warfare of Science with Christian Theology, Vol. 1, p. 56). One day, when they come to the judgment, they will have to give an accounting for all this mischief they have done. It may be imagined how they will feel, when they are forced to confront the thousands who have been turned away from faith in God and acceptance of his divine plan of salvation, because these enemies of truth were eager to destroy the scriptures and the mission of Jesus Christ. If great joy will be felt by the individual who

has, through his humble effort, saved one soul, then how great must be the remorse of these learned men when they discover that their efforts have been the means of **destroying thousands of souls**?" (D&C 18:10-16) (Joseph Fielding Smith, Man: His Origin and Destiny).

Putting Science Before Religion: A Great Hinderance to True Education

It seems like we are holding on to contradictory science and letting go of scripture. Do we need to let science tell us what we are allowed to believe?



On page 38 the LTSR authors claim that "we need to learn to feel comfortable with not having all the information right now." This is a correct principle, but they favor secular theories as the best source of information. For the faithful, being comfortable with not having all the information right now means rejecting academic theories that don't match prophetic

teachings. It means anchoring in God's word, rather than the popular scientist's word. The "patience of the saints" (Rev. 14:12) often involves being a minority, being mocked for rejecting popular views, and not being vindicated until much later. Today the whole mainstream academic world accepts the theory of evolution and lauds it to be more than a theory, something worthy of being called 'truth' and 'law'.

STALLING...WHEN WILL THEY FIGURE THIS OUT?

On page 38 the LTSR authors call for "time to learn and progress without having to make a decision that places science [evolution] and religion at odds with one another." Hopefully, it won't take us millions of years to believe what the prophets have been teaching all along.

Surely the devil has deceived the whole world (Rev. 12:9), and we are sad for people who have fallen into the trap of believing this fabrication (Moses 7:28).

We have basic surefire tests to prove whether something is of God or not based on whether it persuades us to believe in Christ (Moroni 7:14-17). Evolution advocates an alternative creator, calling only for natural selection.

RELIGION DOESN'T "KNOW NOTHING" EITHER:

On page 39, the LTSR authors point out that "when scientists say they are "uncertain," it does not mean that they "know nothing." But let's also consider the flip side: while religion doesn't claim that all is now revealed, we must not forget that much has been revealed. Revealed doctrine is the parameter that we must work within, or our efforts are vanity and will prove fruitless, if not harmful.



On page 42, the LTSR authors say, "When people encounter information about a topic that seems to contradict their worldview, they tend to assume science is useless in answering questions about that topic." Although science isn't useless, there have been many times when it has gotten it wrong and even been weaponized against believers. A fundamental element of real science is questioning its claims.

<u>On page 42</u>, the LTSR authors say, "Nothing is completely "proven" in science." It's sad how science

today rejects the idea that there is a concrete, unchanging truth and no longer seeks to discover the laws that govern the universe.

On page 42 LTSR denounces dogmatism (a stubborn insistence on being right), but they never tolerate the idea that evolution could be wrong. They don't give us that option in their book, or their school, BYU. They go so far as to say "Satan hath sought to deceive you" in their case for evolution being the only true science.

REVELATION REQUIRED TO LEARN CREATION TRUTHS:

On page 44 the LTSR authors make a bold move and ridicule Henry Morris, a creation science teacher. Morris, of course, carries some false protestant ideas about creation, like all creation happening at one time and our inability to know how creation happened. But Morris is correct in saying that we don't know the details of how God created and operates today. (Note – I've also included my notes on one of Morris' books in the appendix of this book so you can learn about some of his amazing findings.)

The Book of Mormon prophet Jacob teaches that we can't understand all of God's works, that it is by REVELATION that we learn the details of creation and that we shouldn't tell God how it happened. Jacob 4:8-10 says, "Behold, great and marvelous are the

works of the Lord. How unsearchable are the depths of the mysteries of him; and it is impossible that man should find out all his ways. And no man knoweth of his ways save it be revealed unto him; wherefore, brethren, despise not the revelations of God. 9 For behold, by the power of his word man came upon the face of the earth, which earth was created by the

power of his word. Wherefore, if God being able to speak and the world was, and to speak and man was created, O then, why not able to command the earth, or the workmanship of



his hands upon the face of it, according to his will and pleasure? 10 Wherefore, brethren, seek not to counsel the Lord, but to take counsel from his hand. For behold, ye yourselves know that he counseleth in wisdom, and in justice, and in great mercy, over all his works."

WELCOMING TRUTH OUTSIDE OF SCIENCE...IF IT AGREES WITH EVOLUTION:

On page 44 the LTSR authors admit that there is truth outside of science. What bothers me is their insistence

that any religious teaching that doesn't square with modern science theories should be discarded or manipulated into a strange new doctrine that was clearly never intended by the word. A few examples are a mere local flood instead of a worldwide flood, Eden being merely spiritual, or the father-son relationship of Adam and God not being literal.

Elder Holland was very clear that Adam, Eve, Eden, and the Fall, before which there was no death, were very real. I will quote him later in this book as we address the "No Official Church Position on Evolution" claim, where he is partially quoted.

Joseph Fielding Smith taught that we can't recognize which pagan elements have entered the church when we care more about the world of academia than scripture. He said, "Much of the difficulty experienced by these scientists and many others, is the fact that they confound apostate Christianity with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They recognized fully that great changes gathered from the pagan world, have come into the churches, but they were unable to discern the truth from the darkness, and having been led into the pitfalls of organic evolution and the misinterpretations and confusion which came through the destructive criticism, they were unable to see the light. Therefore they discarded the history of the scriptures as it had been given by revelation, and lost all faith in the miracles and classed them among the mythology of the nations with whom the Israelites

were surrounded. They looked through **colored glasses that distorted all things out of proportion**, and hence they **became easy prey to the "strong delusions**, that they should believe a lie." (2 Thes. 2:11) (Joseph Fielding Smith, Man: His Origin & Destony, Ch. 2 Conflict Between Science & Religion p.39)



When Gordon B. Hinckley encountered evolution theory, he was able to reject it on scriptural grounds. He said, "I remember when I was a college student there were great discussions on the question of organic evolution. I took classes in geology and biology and heard the whole story of Darwinism as it was then taught. I wondered about it. I thought much about it. But I did not let it throw me, for I read what the scriptures said about our origins and our relationship to God. Since then I have become acquainted with what

to me is a far more important and wonderful kind of evolution. It is the evolution of men and women as the sons and daughters of God, and of our marvelous potential for growth as children of our Creator. (President Gordon B. Hinckley, Second Counselor in the First Presidency "God Hath Not Given Us the Spirit of Fear" October 1984) Notice how Hinckley saw becoming as our Father God as something entirely different than the continuation of evolution from a common ancestor. Though he uses the word 'evolution,' he is CLEARLY rejecting the popular brand, and accepting the only real version of it.



Part 2: Refuting Evolutionary Science Claims

Responding to Specific Claims of Evolutionists in the Church with Scientific Evidence that God Didn't Use Evolution



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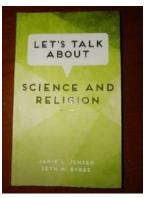
Red – Scriptures

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Brown – Quotes from the BYU evolutionist book "Let's Talk about Science & Religion" (LTSR) by Jamie Jensen & Seth Bybee.

In this series of responding to evolutionists within the church, we will frequently refer to the 2023 book, titled "Let's Talk about Science and Religion," which showcases their claims and is currently available for sale at Deseret Book.



The theme of Jamie L. Jensen and Seth M. Bybee's book, published at Deseret Book Co. in 2023, is that we need to accept the fact of evolution and adjust our religious beliefs accordingly. The back cover fold reveals that "[Jamie] is also a member of the Broader Social Impacts Committee for the Human Origins Initiative at the Smithsonian, joining other religious scientists to help the American public feel more comfortable with evolution."

In this section we will expose evolutionary science claims on topics like:

Vestigial organs
Embryonic similarities
Homologous structures
A common ancestor
The missing link
Hominids
Radiometric dating

Old Earth
DNA
Geologic column
Fossils

And more!

Though this presentation just scratches the surface on these topics, there are many supporting resources available. See my Highlighting Creation Science Writers book for a preview of lots of great research and thinking on the question of evolutionary science.

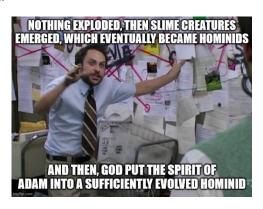
LTSR authors are clear in their position that all life on earth, humans, animals, and plants alike, evolved from a single common ancestor. Consider these statements from LTSR:

- "all living things on earth (both plants and animals) share a common ancestor." pg. 48
- "...strong evidence that we all shared a common beginning." pg. 53
- "...humans and animals hint at an evolutionary past." pg. 53
- "Given the evidence, science suggests the human body is a product of evolution." pg. 62

[&]quot;evolutionary leftovers" pg. 54

"scientists have not come lightly to the conclusion that all organisms evolved on earth. They have accumulated mountains of evidence..." pg. 56

Let's talk about the evidence they give to support this claim.



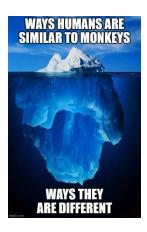
<u>Dismissing all Creation Science as</u> <u>Pseudoscience: Who's Really Being</u> <u>Scientific?</u>

<u>On pages</u> 31-37 the LTSR authors devote a chapter to teaching "true science not pseudoscience." With the waive of a hand they call everything that doesn't agree with evolution as being "pseudoscience." They never dare discuss actual claims of creationists, and just say they're all fake.

So, what pseudoscience exactly are they referring to?

Is it pseudoscience to point out hundreds of pieces of evidence that the world was covered by a massive flood at the time of Noah and that cultures all over the world have legends about this?

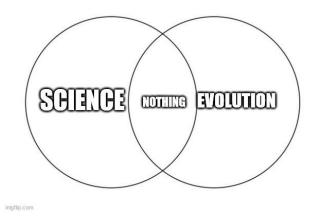
Is it pseudoscience to point out that the hominid findings have all turned out to be frauds? That the theory came first then people went looking for the evidence?



Is it pseudoscience to point out the statistical impossibility of evolution even given the massive theoretical time frame of how old the Earth and universe are?

Could it be that the teachings of these authors and other evolutionists are the actual pseudoscience? Let's point out some actual creation claims and see what people think. Though evolution is popular and

dominates the scientific establishment today, you can only hold up a lie for so long before it collapses on itself. To categorically dismiss all scientific research which questions evolution theory is just the kind of anti-science that kept us in the dark ages.



WHO IS REALLY DOING SCIENCE?

It is the evolutionists, not the creationists, who are guilty of getting rid of science. Prize winning author Ernst Mayr explained that methods like experimentation are not appropriate for studying evolution: "Evolutionary biology, in contrast with physics and chemistry, is a historical science – the evolutionist attempts to explain events and processes that have already taken place. Laws and experiments are inappropriate techniques for the explication of such events and processes." (Author Ernst Mayr,

delivered in a lecture after receiving the Crafoord Prize from the Royal Swedish Academy of Science.)



The truth is that experimentation and laws are perfectly appropriate methods for studying evolution. For example, evolutionary claims that it took millions of years for natural oils to form underground are disproved by our ability to now make oil and coal in laboratories that exactly resemble natural coal and oil, as seen in Universal Model vol. 1, pages 615-621. Dean Sessions conducted experiments which demonstrated how to make a fossil, and it took a mere matter of days, not millions of years. To read about his experiments of turning wood into stone, see Universal Model Volume 2: The Living System pages 215-218. With the knowledge of these processes being possible in a matter of days, our false limitations on how old the earth can be vanished away. If you don't need that much time to explain the origins of the earth and its materials, that time probably doesn't exist! Several scientists have demonstrated that when you don't need something to explain nature, it probably isn't how nature occurred. Lavoisier was able to denounce the

chemical theory of phlogiston because nothing in nature required it to be there, so he concluded that in all likelihood, it did not exist. Another example is when Humphry Davy demonstrated that heat isn't a substance they called caloric, but is rather the movement of chemicals. Equipped with experiments that prove the possibility of earth's rapid formation, we conclude that the eons of time postulated by modern science for the creation of the world probably don't exist!



Let's now take a close look at the best evidence the evolutionists Let's Talk about Science and Religion book showcases and see who is really promoting pseudoscience.



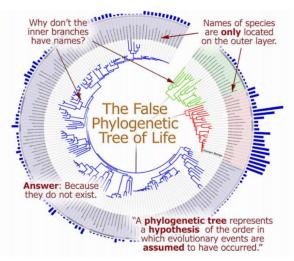
Insisting on a Common Ancestor: Biology's Tree

On page 48 the LTSR authors point out that evolution isn't a monkey poofing into a human, or a blob poofing out limbs. But evolutionists must admit that the overall consequence of evolution is a monkey turning into a human. After all, you insist on all living things coming from one common ancestor. Throw in time as the magic ingredient. Kissing a frog to turn it into a human, that's a fairy tale. Kissing a frog then waiting millions of years at which point it completes its transition into a human - that's still a fairy tale! Who has been around to scientifically witness and measure this occurrence? Nobody.

On page 48 the LTSR authors state their evolutionary view that "all living things on earth (both plants and

animals) share a common ancestor." They fail to mention humans here, perhaps due to a popular trend in putting humans and animals in the same category. Evolution teaches that animals and humans originated in a single common ancestor. **On page** 48, the LTSR authors start their evolution chapter by claiming that evolution can tell us the "truth" about "when" and "how" life came to be on Earth. No, it can't! Throughout their book, the LTSR authors assume evolution as a proven fact and sweep the controversy under the rug. Science isn't settled, and they should be more upfront about that.

Consider how the phylogenic tree of life lacks connecting ancestors between species, and how inner species aren't labeled because they have never been discovered. Nature gives us a series of diverse creations, and it is the speculative theories of men that seek to connect all these species into a single common ancestor.



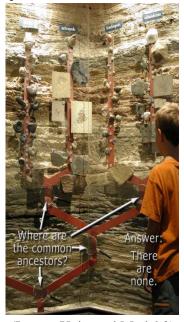
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Sometimes, they do throw in a name at intermediate locations on their phylogenic tree when no discoveries of those animals have been made; they just insert a name as a placeholder! (See Stephen Meyer, "Darwin's Doubt")

Biochemist Michael Behe put it well when he said, "All sciences begin with speculation, only Darwinism ends with it." ("Darwin's Black Box," Afterward.)

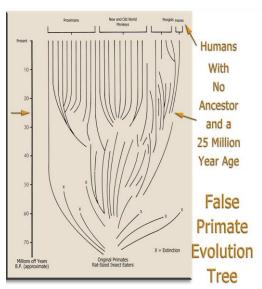
Notice how ancestral trees at museum displays don't have names of species where branches occur. This is because there are no 'missing link' ancestors between animals and men. In charts of human-monkey hominid ancestry, the branches are not connected. They cannot

connect these branches because there is no proof that any of these species are related.



(Image: Universal Model 2)

The lack of common ancestors led evolutionist W. Ford Doolittle, evolutionary and molecular biologist professor at Dalhousie University, to say, "The rooting of the universal tree is hopelessly compromised."



(Image: Universal Model 2)

Near the time of Darwin's death, Elder Orson F. Whitney talked about never finding the missing link between animal and man. He said, "There is no instance on record where a baboon ever evolved into a human being, and science in attempting to unearth a "missing link" which it is claimed will connect mankind with monkeykind, is like a blind man hunting

through a haystack to find a needle which isn't there. For man is the child of God, fashioned in His image and endowed with His attributes."

(Man's Origin and Destiny)

(Man's Origin and Destiny

Contributor, Vol 3:9 (June 1882), 268-70.)

Later in 1905 Elder George Albert Smith taught, "No matter if scientists and great men of the world shall proclaim that we have evolved from the lower order of animals, the witness of the Spirit to you, my brethren and sisters, is that you are the offspring of the Lord..." (Elder George Albert Smith Conference Report, Apr. 1905)

Joseph Fielding specifically taught against evolutionary biology's tree of common ancestors. He said, "the altogether useless concept of the animal genealogical tree...affords no satisfactory picture of the relationships between the million living species of animals and the 120,000 known extinct species. For the last 70 years evolutionists have discussed hundreds of supposed ancestral derivations, without having agreed about a single one. Attempts to blend together the characters of the fourteen different phyla into one hypothetical common stock only result in producing an opalescent pattern of body structures, which **proves nothing for the common origin** of those phyla. The so-called pedigree of the animal kingdom is utterly unlike the genealogical trees of human families, because the latter deal only with members of one species, whereas the former include multitudes of different species and postulate countless purely hypothetical links between them. Even the shortened genealogical trees found in popular writings are apt to dogmatize about the derivations of whole phyla—that

is, of anything from 2,000 to 100,000 species at a time. The family genealogical tree shows a limited number of names, arranged in the semblance of a tree, of people actually known to have been related by descent. It is a compilation of facts, like a dictionary. Nothing resembling it is known regarding species connections. When we come to discuss the latter, we are **no longer** dealing with first-hand evidence (i.e. with verbal or written traditions) as to the connections concerned. All is hypothesis. We postulate long ancestries simply because we do not know the real ones, and because creatures have to be accounted for somehow. We note the incontrovertible fact that new creatures, born every year, experience the same time—and form regulated fate as their parents; hence the sequences we see are obviously links in chains or organisms of which neither the beginnings nor the ends are visible to us. But that does not justify us in supposing that, just because each individual changes in form while developing from childhood to adolescence, therefore its remote ancestors must have changed from one species into another. Again, even when we deal with the members of a single existing species, we find it impossible, on purely anatomical grounds apart from historic testimony, to demonstrate the connection between individual parents and their **offspring.** Among animals, the father is apt to disappear nameless among the multitude of his species, after taking his brief part in procreation, and science is powerless to re-identify him. Despite these facts,

evolutionists search for "ancestors" in the graveyards of the past, and arrange fossil fragments (e.g. leg bones, teeth, or skulls) of various extinct species of horse into hypothetical series, and—in complete disregard of the rules of group-position and formbelieve that these represent real ancestries." (Joseph Fielding Smith, Man: His Origin & Destiny, Ch. 10 The Hypothesis of Organic Evolution pt.4)

Joseph Fielding Smith commented on the absurd logic involved in common origin claims. He said, "Let us suppose for the sake of argument, that the first speck of life was an amoeba. We can suppose for that is in keeping with the entire doctrine of organic evolution, for its entire structure is based on supposition, and cannot be based on anything else—so, we will suppose, that back several millions or billions of years—no one was there to watch the process by which this speck of life came spontaneously into existence the amoeba suddenly appeared and multiplied, as the amoeba will do, and after millions of years, it, or one of its descendants began to develop fins, then a head and then a tail and after several more millions of years it became a fish, or a tadpole, or a brachiopod, or a trilobite, or a snail, even a worm—it makes no difference which, one guess is as good as another and becoming tired of the water it came out upon the land, leaving its companions to develop into acquatic [sic] animals, while it dug itself in the soil and became a plant, a fern, a rose bush or a tree. Then another,

discovering that the land was pleasant, also came forth from the water and became a frog, a toad, a lizard or a snake and in course of time its descendant became a tiger, a lion, a bear, an elephant, dinosaur or a little timid lamb; perhaps it took to the air as a dove, a robin, a hawk or an eagle. Why go any farther? **Does it not all sound extremely ridiculous**? Well, so it is! Yet it is **this kind of rubbish that is put forth apparently in all seriousness**. Books are written about it; lectures are given in class rooms, from pulpits and platforms, and thousands of well meaning people say they believe it! Then again the question arises: Each of these

animals had to have a companion, and we find ourselves in a quandary to discover just why and how both males





and females came into existence, both in the animal world and among trees and other vegetation. So we find ourselves floundering in the depths of an unfathomable hypothesis about which no one has ever been able to do more than to make an uncertain guess. Others of this amoeba's descendants became a bee, a wasp or a grasshopper, a gnat or a fly. Among these wonderful mutations there also came forth a monkey, then a baboon, a gorilla and then man! My dear friends, cannot you see how utterly foolish it all is? Why is it that thousands of intelligent looking human beings are willing to accept these stupid teachings?

Frankly it is because Satan has deceived them and they love darkness rather than the light. Surely the day has come prophesied by Paul and written in his second Epistle to the Thessalonians: "And then shall that wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders. And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they receive not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believe not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." (2 Thes. 2:8-12)" (Joseph Fielding Smith, Man: His Origin & Destiny, Ch. 7 The Hypothesis of Organic Evolution)

Smith's connection with evolutionary science claims and the great deception of the last days should give us pause.



Insisting on a Common Ancestor: Geology's Column

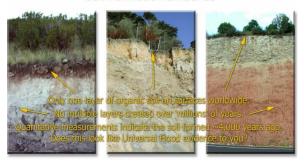
The complete 'Geologic Column' does not exist anywhere on Earth and was only built by correlation, as stated in college geology books: "Because we cannot find sedimentary rocks representing all of earth time neatly in one convenient area, we must piece together the rock sequence from locality to locality. This process of tying one rock sequence in one place to another in some other place is known as correlation." (Physical Geology, L. Don Leet (Harvard) & Sheldon Judson (Princeton), p.181.)

Another textbook echoed the concept that evolution was the premise the entire geologic column was based on: "A rock that had an early form of an organism was clearly older than rocks containing later forms. Furthermore, all rocks that had the early form, no matter how far apart those rocks were geographically, would have to be the same age ... fossil successions made it possible to say that the Cambrian rocks are older than the Ordovician rocks. In this way our geologic time table came into being.... Without the theory of evolution and the interdisciplinary science of paleontology, it could not exist." (Geology, Putman & Bassett, p.544.)

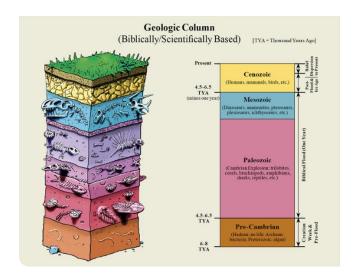
Stacking theory upon theory like this is bound for ruin. Later in the radiometric dating section of this book, we will see how radiometric dates which don't fit the predetermined geologic column are routinely discarded. Just another layer of theories built on theories! Modern science is truly lost!

In reality, there aren't neatly organized layers of fossils as the typical column depiction represents, and most fossils are found within the top 100 feet of soil, which is another indication of a recent worldwide flood. When you measure topsoil depths around the world, compare them to deposit rate, and you'll discover they have only been accumulating for about 4500 years, which is when the flood of Noah was. So much for scoffer's claims that there isn't geological evidence for Noah's flood!

Soil Formation Evidence



The above image from Universal Model Vol. 1 Ch. 8 demonstrates that continents weren't subducted and uplifted multiple times as modern geology claims and that the thickness of the organic soil layer on the surface indicates the time each layer took to form. Because soil formation times can be generally determined, these soil layers indicate a worldwide event that took place only several thousand years ago, depositing the sediment beneath the topsoil layer.



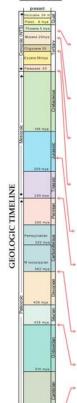
From https://www.mathetis.org/topic/does-the-fossil-record-support-creation-and-the-flood/

The entire article at that page is very good.

Remember the geologic column really doesn't even exist in nature! But this is a fun depiction showing how young the earth is.

This next more detailed one is from Lance Weaver. (https://gatheredin.one/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/creationist-timeline.jpg?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR0RzMiiH1DJbUc6ic-QdkX-Lqkmd3Aci0WcnyvCqLcPUfwLZF9_2R7Xwxg_aem_9mp47BCfQQA4gV2cYokENA)

Though many associate the Cambrian extinction with the flood of Noah, this chart associates the Cambrian extinction with the fall of Adam when death entered the world, and the later Permian/Triassic extinction event with the flood of Noah. The bible timeline is broken into six 1000-year periods.



Mid Pliocene Events

Mid Phocene Extinction; great destruction in western hemisphere & India as Pacific Plate moves 1000 km, intermountain west begins 3000-6000 It of uplift: Explosive volcanism in Central Mexico; Wasatch mltms., Sierar Nevadas, & Tetons experience last major uplift; Northern Alps further folded; Andes & Himalayas severely folded/uplifted; little ice ages (LIA) occures both just after Christ and around 1600 km.

Mid Miocene Events (~14 mya)

Mid-Miocene Extinction; Columbia flood basalts erupt; Basin & Range topography first created, as forces switch from compression to extension; world's mitrs further uplifted; N. America and Europe further separate; Red Sea further opens; pole shift toward present location ending "ice age" & likely causing mammoth extinction in Siberia/ Alaska

End Eocene Event (33.9 mya)

End-Eocene Extinction; major pole shift; N. America & Europe completely separate; Alps & Himalayas further folded; Antarctica & Australia split; many animals are much larger than today; explosive volcanism in Western N. America; temperatures plummet; (the "last great ice age" begins; huge lakes drain off Colorado Plateau)

End Cretaceous Events (65 mya)

K/T Extinction; extensive flood basalts erupt in India; major pole shift; western N. America folded in Laramide orogeny, Rocky mtns formed-causing Cret. seaway to drain off central U.S; Colorado Plateau begins ancestral erosion; mammals from arc finally begin to catch up with reptile populations; dinosaurs then die off from competition & catastrophe/extinction

Mid Jurassic Events (~187 mya)

Pleinsbachian-Toarcian Estinction: Pangea begins to separate; North & South America first split from Africa; Africa;

End Permian & Triassic Events (250/201 mya)

Geet Permian Editection: 73-90% of all life on earth diss- biggest mass estinction ever, the only one to seriously affect insects; worlds largest flood basalts erupt in Sberitz, fastest marine transgression; global sea anoual (owgen stops reaching sea floor as sea level free); sea life that must remain in the photic zone clies; marine sediments enriched in C-12, fungl spike from massive amounts of dead vegitation; global short termswisht from meandering to braded streams; massive climate changes; massive sea level fluctuations; Sonaman & Hercanyian orogenies; aterwards, with no predators and high birth rates, reptiles begin to take over.

Late Devonian Events (372 mya)

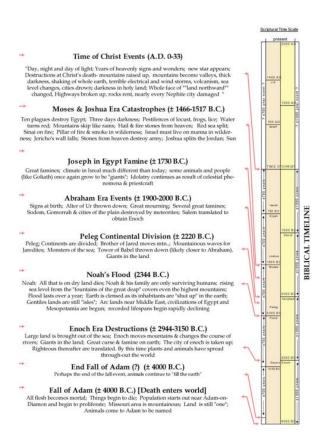
Late-Devonian Estinction: Acadian, Caledonian & Antler orogenies; continents unite again forming super-continent Pangea, many tree and animal fossis looking exactly like those living today begin to appear in the fossis record

End Ordovician Events (443 mya)

Final-Ordovician Estinction; Taconic orogeny & Queenstown clastic wedge; other mins, also form as continents move; sea level fluctuates; Current missouri lies in mountainous regioun on

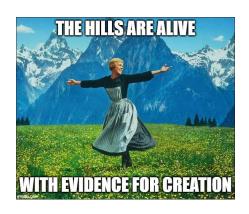
Seashore Cambrian Explosion (538.8 mya)

Cambrian Explosion: first plant & animal fossis suddenly appear in an "explosion" of life; nearly every animal phylum alive today are represented; Canad Canyon and other crogenies occur; early supercontinents are one, forming one great landmass.



Brigham Young pointed out limitations of the geologists, and emphasized the instantaneous creative power of God. He said, "Geologists will tell us the earth has stood so many millions of years. Why? Because the Valley of the Mississippi could not have washed out under about so many years, or so long a time. The Valley of Western Colorado, here, could not have washed out without taking such a length of time. What do they know about it? Nothing in

comparison. They also reason about the age of the world by the marvelous specimens of petrifaction that are sometimes discovered. Now we can show them plenty of places where there are trees, perfect stone, running into the solid rock, and perhaps the rock is forty, fifty, or a hundred feet above the tree. Yet it is a perfect tree. There is the bark, there is the heart, and there is the outer coating between the heart and the bark, all perfect rock. How long did it take to make this tree into rock? We do not know. I can tell them, simply this—when the Lord Almighty brings forth the power of his chemistry, he can combine the elements and make a tree into rock in one night or one day, if he chooses, or he can let it lie until it pulverizes and blows to the four winds, without petrifying, just as he pleases." (Brigham Young, The Fullness of the Gospel—Its Power to Unite—Its Comprehensiveness—Definition of Its Priesthood— Condition of Apostates; Discourse by President Brigham Young, delivered in the New Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Sunday Afternoon, August 11, 1872.)



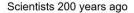


Common Ancestor Conclusion

At the end of the day, if mainstream science claims about common origins of life are true, as suggested by its claims in biology and geology, it paints a very sad picture for mankind. Darwin was honest when he

pointed out that, according to his theory of the common origins of all living things, humans have "a pedigree of prodigious length, but **not**, it may be said, of **noble** quality." (Charles Darwin, Descent of Man, pp. 164-165, 1897 edition.) Darwin went so far as to mock the faithful, saying, "It is only...arrogance which made our forefathers declare that they were **descended from...gods**." (The Descent of Man, pp. 31-32)

Some Christians have tried arranging a geologic column which would align with a biblical timeline. Though I don't put much stock in these exercises, here are some examples of their ideas.





Proof that global flood wiped out dinos 4500yrs ago

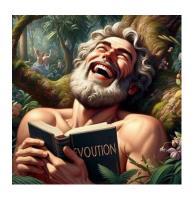
Scientists today



Local flood, millions of years

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Human-Like Ancestors?



Consider these statements from the "Let's Talk about Science & Religion" authors claiming there were pre-Adamic people:

"why are homo sapiens (us) the only species left among our human-like ancestors?" pg. 39

"all living things on earth (both plants and animals) share a common ancestor." pg. 48

"...strong evidence that we all shared a common beginning." pg. 53

"...humans and animals hint at an evolutionary past." pg. 53

"...there are at least 21 known species of hominin (ancestors of our species) that once existed on our planet dating back 5 million years. Modern Homo sapiens first appeared around 300,000 years ago." -pg. 62

"...these specimens are physically different enough from us (using the phylogenetic-species concept) to be considered a different species." pg. 62

"Given the evidence, science suggests the human body is a product of evolution." pg. 62

On page 62 the LTSR authors claim we have 300 "Homo neanderthal" specimens and 18 "Homo naledi" ("the latest hominid discovery") specimens which lived 400,000 years ago.

Now let's consider some 'dangerous' alternative views.

In truth, there are as many types of skeletons as there are people in this world. God is creative and has designed many different people. It's only a matter of time before these claims will be exposed as frauds like the others. How can we be so sure? Because they contradict the word of God. Hominid claims always turn out to be merely a variety of apes, human pygmies, and ancient humans. The list of proven hoaxes in this field is long and growing.

Consider these known frauds that were perpetuated by modern science to promote evolution: **Piltdown Man** was found to be the Jawbone of an orangutan with fragments of a modern human skull. It was praised as the missing link 40 years before the hoax was discovered. 500 academic journal articles were written on it. **Nebraska man** was also used as evidence for evolution for a long time. All they had of him was one tooth, which they eventually realized was the tooth of a

pig. **Hilton Man**'s jaw was broken, and the teeth were filed down to fool people. It was in textbooks as proof of evolution for decades until proved a fraud in the 50s.





(Images: <u>Piltdown Man – Wikipedia</u> & <u>Nebraska Man</u> <u>- Wikipedia</u>)

They didn't find humanoid bones and attempt to figure out what they were—it was the other way around. First, they came up with the theory, and then they went hunting for bones that would support it.

When they find skeletons of slightly different bones, they are quick to claim them as non-human. But this can't be the only possibility. Different teeth can simply be an indication of a different diet or habitat. Further, rickets, arthritis, poor diet, and other medical conditions can make skeletons look different. There is significant variation in people and in monkeys - some are big, some small, etc., and this is not evidence of intermediate species.



(Image: Kyphosis - Wikipedia)

Consider the following modern brow ridges. Brow ridges continue to grow throughout life. Some people simply have differently shaped heads than others. There is no evidence of human-like ancestors; rather, there is a basic sampling of human diversity.





(Images: Brow ridge - Wikipedia)

Remember that the patriarchs before the flood had tremendously long lifespans and would have developed over that time different skulls than what evolutionists consider 'human.' The long lifespans are more evidence that we aren't evolving from lower lifeforms; we are falling from higher. Another puzzle of history is that the bible clearly states that there were giants in the past. What did their skeletons look like? Perhaps they, too, falling beyond mainstream science's arbitrary

parameters for what can be human bones, have been classed as non-human by scientists.

Consider also that various cultures arbitrarily deformed skulls and other body parts, leaving us with some strange-looking skulls.





(Images: Artificial cranial deformation - Wikipedia)

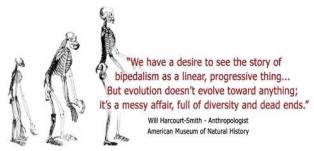
Consider these scientists' statements about the flimsy research behind supposedly fossils of human-like ancestors:

"A detailed and continuous record of transition between species is missing, those neat sedimentary layers, as Gould noted time and again, never revealing precisely the phenomena that Darwin proposed to explain... 'most of the fossil record does not support a strictly gradualistic account'... precisely what Darwin's theory demands." (David Berlinski, educator and former professor at Columbia University)

"One of the major stumbling blocks is the lack of evidence concerning fossil forms and the ignorance about the direction of evolutionary trends and rates of evolution. This creates a serious problem, since

without data, weighting of characters in classification is <u>largely subjective</u>, and <u>a truly</u> evolutionary classification will never be a reality." Frank E. Poirier, Fossil Evidence, p12; Universal Model 2 p180

"We have a desire to see the story of **bipedalism as a linear**, **progressive** thing... but **evolution doesn't evolve toward anything**; it's a **messy** affair, full of diversity and dead ends." (Will Harcourt-Smith – Anthropologist, American Museum of Natural History)



"...the human family of species are arranged in an orderly procession from **primitive forms up to modern Man**. But such scenarios are **subjective**...they are **unscientific**." (Henry Gee)



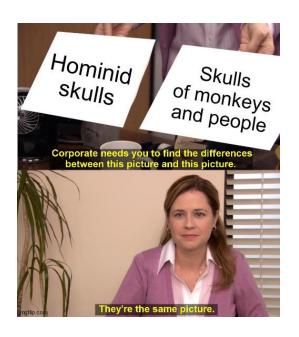
(Images from Universal Model 2)

Darwin knew the challenges the fossil record presented to his theory, even in his day, and noted it when he stated: "There is another and allied difficulty, which is much more serious. I allude to the manner in which many species in several of the main divisions of the animal kingdom suddenly appear in the lowest known fossiliferous rocks. Most of the arguments which have convinced me that all the existing species of the same group are descended from a single progenitor, apply with nearly equal force to the earliest known species." (Charles Darwin, The Origin of Species, Chapter 10, On The Imperfection Of The Geological Record)

Darwin also admitted that the fossil record isn't what evolution paints it to be: "...the geological record is far more imperfect than most geologists believe." (Charles Darwin)

Joseph Fielding Smith commented on the bazar methods used to gather supposed hominid specimens. He said, "One of the strange things about the arguments and deductions for descent of man from the lowest forms of life is the scatter-brain way in which the "evidence" is obtained. To illustrate the point: The Piltdown skull and tooth were found in or near, Piltdown, Sussex, England, and out of these the vivid imaginations of certain so-called scientists create a whole race of men; the Trinil Ape-Man, was manufactured from fragments of

skull and found at Trinil. Java, clear around on the other side of the world; then one stage higher, the Neanderthal Man was manufactured from a portion of skull and a few other fragments of bones, found at the Neanderthal gorge near Westphalia, Germany; and as we approach further towards the Homo perfection the discovery is made from bones found at Cro Magnon, Dordogne, France. These poor fellows must have wandered about a good bit, from England to Java, to Germany to France, and if we carry it further to deserts of China and even to parts of the Western Hemisphere. It is too bad that these poor fellows did not keep all their **bones in one place** so that the evolutionists would not have to be put to the inconveniences of manufacturing the missing parts. However, any man who can manufacture a Man from an Amoeba through countless stages covering millions of years, is capable of doing most any thing. The numerous imaginary pictures of this process published by the gentlemen in the American Museum of Natural History and by writers of numerous textbooks circulated and used in our public schools and colleges reveal the startling story that we have reached an age when good clear reasoning and logical deductions are entirely out of place." (Joseph Fielding Smith, Man: His Origin & Destiny, Ch. 8 The Hypothesis of Organic Evolution pt. 2)



DNA & Homology

On page 53 in LTSR's DNA discussion, the authors bring up that when 2 organisms both have a fluorescent

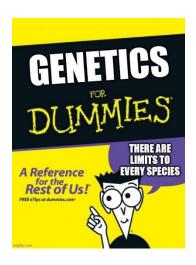
protein put into them, that they will both glow, "because all life on earth, including humans, read DNA that way." Then they make the following



extrapolation, "This is strong evidence that we all shared a common beginning." The more obvious conclusion would be that living things were made by the same designer with similar blueprints.

Similarities don't prove evolution. For example, cell phones and humans can both detect light, understand language, recharge via a long cord (intestines for digestion) and so forth; does this mean we descended from a shared ancestor with the cell phone?

DNA similarities between one creature and another are irrelevant—it is the differences that count. The differences are such that no two species will ever accidentally mutate into a different species than what the DNA specifically codes for. DNA puts definite limits on how much a species can adapt, and this is against evolution and favors creation by a Designer who wasn't relying on natural selection, the heart of evolutionary theory.



DNA differences are dramatic and unexplained. For even one gene to evolve by natural selection, it would take longer than the entire timeframe given by mainstream scientists. Genetics have proven that there are limits to how much a species can change, limits are set.

"Junk DNA" or non-coding genomic regions, has been claimed in the past by some as the best evidence of Darwinian evolution. (Bob Enyart Debates Ph.D. Eugenie Scott http://kgov.com/journal-nature-junk-dna-notjunk-bob-envart-vs-eugenie-scott) The "junk DNA" argument appears to be evaporating. Douglas Axe reported on the challenges of random mutations being responsible for the origins of functional protein folding in his publication in 2004 in the journal Science Direct. (Estimating the Prevalence of Protein Sequences Adopting Functional Enzyme Folds http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/ S0022283604007624) According to Axe's experiments, "the overall prevalence of sequences performing a specific function by any domain-sized fold may be as low as 1 in 10^77." For a comparison of that number, there are believed to be 10^80 subatomic particles in the entire Universe. According to his research, relying on random processes to beget "de novo" proteins is out of the realm of

statistical possibility regardless of the billions of years that one could imagine.

Scientists have also found that parents of the entire human race existed only a few thousand years ago: "If molecular evolution is really neutral at these sites, a high mutation rate would indicate that Eve lived about 6500 years ago – a figure clearly incompatible with current theories on human origins." (Mitochondrial Eve, TREE, vol. 12, No. 11, November 1997, p422) The Nature Journal echoed these facts when it said,

"Simulations based on a model of human population history and geography find that an individual that is the genealogical ancestor of all living humans existed just a few thousand years ago."



(John Hein, Nature, 30 September 2004, p518) If you don't need tens of thousands of years to find the original humans, those years probably do not exist!

Some boast genetic similarities of chimps and humans. This is an old evolution talking point which hides the reality that a doghouse and a skyscraper also share a similar high genetic similarity, as do bananas and humans, etc. Similarity doesn't prove common ancestry, and vast differences are brushed under the rug.

Stephen Meyer in "Darwin's Doubt" summarizes 100

limits of Neo-Darwinism's genetic claims as follows:

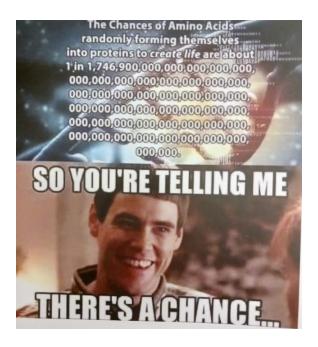
- "1. Neo-Darwinism has no means of efficiently searching available combination space for functional genes and proteins and consequently
- 2. It requires unrealistically long waiting times to generate even a single new Gene or protein, and the new mechanism cannot produce body plans because
- 3. Early acting mutations, the only kind capable of generating large-scale changes, are also invariably deleterious and
- 4. Genetic mutations cannot in any case generate the epigenetic information necessary to build a body plan."



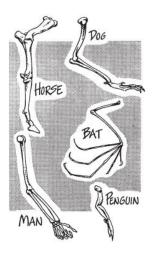
Meyer also makes these stirring points against evolution's genetic claims in "Darwin's Doubt:"

- 1. Mendel showed that Darwin's idea of blended inheritance is not correct. The discoveries of Mendel posed many problems for Darwin's theory.
- 2. Richard Dawkins had a computer program re-create a phrase, but this does not really mirror natural selection because **natural selection isn't given a phrase to look for**.
- 3. Evolutionists make claims about genes evolving that are as unsupported as alchemists' claims about lead turning into gold.
- 4. Evolutionists make claims about gene mutation very similar to taking a book, rearranging its paragraphs randomly, changing the spelling of words, reordering the page number, the page arrangement etc., and expecting a more advanced book to be made from this random process.
- 5. Given Earth's currently assigned age, there is not enough time for one single gene to evolve, much less an entire series of evolutions that make animals and humans.
- 6. Evolutionists come up with wildly imaginative scenarios and on the rare occasion when they attempt to put them to the test, the tests fail.
- 7. The types of mutations that do occur are not those required by macroevolution.
- 8. The types of mutations that do occur are not the types of mutations required by macroevolution.
- 9. There is no sufficient variation, which means there can be no sufficient selection, which means there can be no evolution of species.

10. Microevolution observed in nature only explains the survival of the fittest, not the arrival of the fittest.



Similar (Homologous) Bone Structures?



On page 53, the LTSR authors claim that "the similarities in body structure of humans and animals hint at an evolutionary past." They make the popular claim that bone structure similarities in different animals are somehow evidence they came from a common ancestor. I believe it means the same person created them all. The hands of humans and animals are clearly very different, notwithstanding the minor similarities. God made these designs very different, as the picture in the Let's Talk book demonstrates. They look pretty different to me!

Identifying similarities only shows our ability to classify and overlook the vast differences between various animals and humans. These structures favor the direct divine creation model and go against natural selection from a common ancestor because not only are there similarities, but there are also major gaps and distinct differences between species.

Homologous structures were known to be signs of a common designer until evolutionary theorists foisted their dogmatic view on everyone, insisting that these rather mean a common ancestor. (See Stephen Meyer, "Darwin's Doubt")

In the evolution model, you would have many extremely similar species, and you wouldn't be able to tell where one started and the other ended. As Henry Morris pointed out, if cats and dogs came from a common ancestor, there would be 1000s of cat-dog species – you wouldn't be able to tell where the cat began and where the dog ended, there would be so many cat/dog variants walking around. Some comedians have pointed out the stupidity of evolution by saying, 'If we came from monkeys, why are there still monkeys? Why didn't they evolve? Are they the retarded monkeys?' Hilarious! While evolutionists will always have something else to say to uphold their theory, basic logic refreshingly points us toward the divine direct creation of the various species on Earth.

Elder Russel M. Nelson taught against homology and related evolutionary claims. He said, "Through the

ages, some persons without scriptural understanding have tried to explain our existence by pretentious words such as ex nihilo (out of nothing) [note: and homology]. Others have deduced that, because of certain similarities between different forms of life, there has been a natural selection of the species, or organic evolution from one form to another. Still others have concluded that man came as a consequence of a "big bang," which resulted in the creation of our planet and life upon it. To me, such theories are unbelievable!" (Elder Russel M. Nelson p. 9, The Power Within Us or *The Magnificence of Man*, March 29 1987, BYU Devotional.)

Genetic Homology?

Genetics don't match up with homologous structures. In research summarized by Jonathan Wells and Paul Nelson, it has now been discovered that at times "non-homologous structures [are] produced by organisms with supposedly homologous genes, but organisms with different genes can also produce similar structures." (Homology: A Concept in Crisis http://www.arn.org/docs/odesign/od182/hobi182.htm)

An article available in *Trends in Genetics* 2009 reported report that "10-20% of genes lack recognizable homologs in other species." (*More than just orphans: are taxonomically-restricted genes important in evolution?*

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/19716618) In

other words 10 - 20% of genes in species don't have evidence of ancestry. This is further discussed in an article available in *Nature Reviews*, Genetics 2011. It said, "[E]very evolutionary lineage harbors orphan genes that **lack homologues in other lineages and whose evolutionary origin is only poorly understood**. Orphan genes might arise from duplication and rearrangement processes followed by fast divergence; however, **de novo evolution** out of non-coding genomic regions is emerging as an important additional mechanism." (*The evolutionary origin of orphan genes*.

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/?term=The+evol utionary+origin+of+orphan+genes%2C+Nature+Revie ws) This sudden appearance of genetic material by "de novo", or out of nothing, through material process, lacks credibility in the light of several other studies.

In the journal *Nature* in 2012, the ENCODE Project revealed that by their analysis, 80 percent of the human genome has a "biochemical function" (*An integrated encyclopedia of DNA elements in the human genome* http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v489/n7414/full/nature11247.html) Ewan Birney, ENCODE project's Lead Analysis Coordinator, said, "It's likely that 80 percent will go to 100 percent." (ENCODE: the rough guide to the human genome, By Ed Yong | September 5, 2012

http://blogs.discovermagazine.com/notrocketscience/2 012/09/05/encode-the-rough-guide-to-the-humangenome/#.WlmL0nllCM8) This level of functionality in a genome removes most all of the opportunity for non-coding regions of the cell to be the incubators for the "de novo" or out of nothing sudden emergence of proteins.

Evolutionists claim both differences and similarities between animal species as evidence for their theory. (Hint: this is circular reasoning.) Convergence is when very different animals happen to have a similarity, and they chalk it up to evolution. Divergence is when very similar animals happen to have some very different features, and again they chalk it up to a 'different type' of evolution. Convergence and divergence are but a few of the many invented words evolutionists use to explain away impossibilities.

Claiming that similarities are due to inheritance from a common ancestor when the common ancestor hasn't

been proven is another example of circular reasoning. The proof Darwinists need is species change, not similarities.

Does any similarity mean you descended from that? Did large spoons descend from small spoons?



The octopus and human eye are similar, so did we descend from an Octopus? If so, then why are we so different from an octopus in almost every other way?

Snakes and frogs are closer to humans than humans are to monkeys when it comes to the specific gravity of blood. This fact has some evolutionists saying our grandpa was more directly a snake than a monkey!

The rat disease of the Dark Ages only attacked people and Norway rats. So, did we descend from rats more directly than all other animals?

One scientist concluded that due to similarities in calcium phosphorous ratios in bone structures, we are directly related to turtles and elephants, and monkeys came from geese (or geese from monkeys), and that the dog was related to the horse, not the cat.

Based on amino acid cytochrome C similarities, one evolutionist researcher concluded that people are more closely related to turtles than turtles are to rattlesnakes and that people are more closely related to bread mold than sunflowers are related to bread mold.

Evolutionists didn't know how creatures with one kind of eye could possibly have descended from creatures with another kind of eye, so they chalked it up to "convergent evolution." There are also creatures like various types of insects which, though closely related, have dramatically different eye types.

People have bought into the money-into-human idea. Now we are being told we need to accept the mouse/elephant/octopus/turtle to human idea. When will it stop? You might as well claim that since land vertebrates all have two eyes, they must all have a common ancestor! The Devil is laughing, getting us duped into one stupidity after another.

Evolutionary Leftover (Vestigial) Structures?



On page 54, the LTSR authors discuss old structures as "evolutionary leftovers" that creatures and humans no longer need. They suggest these structures mean that whales had legs and humans had tails. Scientists are constantly finding that structures they thought were vestigial or useless have very important purposes.

At one time evolutionists listed 180 vestigial structures in the human body. (Darrow, Clarence and William J. Bryan. (1997). The World's Most Famous Court Trial: The Tennessee Evolution Case Pub. The Lawbook Exchange, Ltd. p. 268)

The human coccyx isn't useless like they thought; it supports weight, supports muscle, & helps balance.

The whale pelvis isn't useless like they thought; it is essential for reproduction.



In the past these structures were routinely surgically removed and discarded. Today it is recognized that every one of these structures in the human body serves a purpose.

(Vestigial Organs Not So Useless After All, Studies Find, National Geographic News,

https://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2009/07/09 0730-spleen-vestigial-organs.html)

(See also Dr. Jerry Bergman, George Howe, Vestigial Organs Are Fully Functional: A History and Evaluation of the Vestigial Organ Origins Concept Book)

Things once working in organisms can break down. Fish living in a cave may, after a period of time, lose their sight, etc. But considering human life, each of these structures once claimed to be vestigial has shown function or purpose. (Dr. Jerry Bergman, George Howe, Vestigial Organs Are Fully Functional: A History and Evaluation of the Vestigial Organ Origins Concept Book)

Some say that in the distant past, these structures had different or greater functionality, and evidence of past function is claimed by appealing to other living creatures that may have similar structures that do have different or greater functions. Such arguments are circular reasoning because they assume that evolutionary history is already demonstrated.

Similar Embryos?

On page 55 the LTSR authors bring up the outdated argument of similar appearances of human embryos

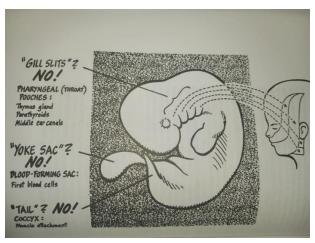
and animals, claiming they all develop "gills and tails."

The human embryo never at any time develops gills or gill slits, a tail, or fins and is never a fish. The recapitulation theory that



humans are first fishes in embryo, then move along an evolutionary sequence as different embryonic animals and finally turn into human embryos used to be popular; evolutionists now must admit that it doesn't work.

The human embryo does develop pouches which become various glands and are guides for developing blood vessels and organs, so these features are not useless. It's elementary logic to claim that they are the same just because two things look alike.



(Image: Science vs Evolution p.698 by Vance Ferrel, EvolutionFacts.com)

Human embryos don't have gills; they have pharyngeal throat pouches, which develop into the thymus gland, parathyroids, and middle ear canals. No oxygen is extracted from the fluid as would happen with a gill. No gill slit opening of any kind exists in the embryo. These aren't gills!

Human embryos don't have a tail; they have a coccyx, which is essential for muscle attachment. They also don't have a yoke sac; they have a blood-forming sac that makes the first blood cells.

On a related note, though humans begin as something small and round, so do marbles, BBs, and ball bearings, yet you wouldn't say we share a common ancestor with those. Similarity doesn't prove ancestry. It's normal that features look similar in the beginning as life forms have similar features like heads and limbs, and they're in a similar environment. But then they specialize in their distinct species. The differences show up quite early, and these differences attest to creation, not evolution.

Darwin's friend Haeckel was repeatedly charged with fraud due to his embryo drawings, which had altered the sizes of heads, eyes, trunks, etc. His ape and man skeleton drawings also had modified heights and depicted apes as having upright postures. Haeckel was also an adulterer, and you won't get good fruit from a corrupt tree. Sadly, his drawings have appeared in many schoolbooks as evidence for evolution.

The human embryo gill theory was proven wrong in 1874, and it is dishonest to continue to advocate evolution based on this claim. Every stage of human embryo development is uniquely human and essential.

When we view human embryos as animals, is it any wonder that we have no shame in terminating them? As one evolutionist put it, "... some opponents of abortion respond that the fetus, unlike the dog or chimpanzee, is made in the image of God, or has an immortal soul. ... But there is no evidence for these religious claims, and in a society in which we keep the state and religion separate, we should not use them as a basis for the criminal law ..." (Neo-Darwinist Peter

Singer, Dept. of Bioethics, Princeton University, "Abortion, the dividing lines," Herald Sun, August 25, 2007)

Radiometric Ages of the Old Earth?



On page 52 the LTSR authors bring up isotopes and radiometric decay rates of rocks to determine both the age of the earth and when life began on it. Based on this they claim, "...the earth is about 4.6 billion years old. We can also look to science to learn when the first life-forms appeared." They go on, "the first living things began to appear at least by 1.9 billion years ago and possibly even before, at 3.4-3.6 billion years ago. Thus, if God prepared evolution as a mechanism for creation, then this creation presumably began with this first life-form, which then transformed through generations..."

This is more evidence that the authors are completely committed to evolutionary theory. Notice their claim that God 'prepared' evolution as a mechanism for creation. This is a soft sale, as evolution claims that evolution caused all creation, it's not just one mechanism. Why should we accept half of a theory and not the whole? Truly there is no room (no need) for God in evolution. For two, if you want to bring God into this, you need to see what God has actually said about the creation to temper your speculations. I fear that the predominant culture today is obsessing over mainstream science claims, and accommodating those claims, even when that means setting aside all scriptures related to creation as allegorical, uninspired, or irrelevant. They say things like, "[scriptures are] not meant to be a scientific textbook on how the creation took place." (LTSR p50) I will debunk these ideas later in this book. In short, they allow science to call the shots, and religion to attend the game if it plays by the rules.

Darwin recognized the need for an old earth to make his theory of species change work. He said, "The belief that species are immutable [unchangeable] productions was almost unavoidable as long as the history of the world was thought to be of short duration."— *Charles Darwin, Origin of the Species (conclusion to second edition).

Let's take a closer look at "absolute" radiometric dating methods to see if earth is as old as they need it to be.

All "absolute" radiometric dating methods are built on certain assumptions which cannot be definitively **proven**. These assumptions are built on theories which cannot be experimentally replicated or proven. For instance, radiocarbon dating depends on the assumption that the creation of radiocarbon in the upper atmosphere has been essentially constant through time. Another unprovable assumption is that decay rates have not changed significantly over time, something which is impossible to prove.

We can't be sure that there was a constant decay rate in a closed system unimpacted by environmental features. If we can't tell what the weather will be like in one week, why should we be so confident about the environment of one billion years ago?

Another assumption in radiometric dating is the initial amounts of various elements present. We can't be sure that there was the same amount of substance started with.

How about the purity of the target substance? We can't be sure because the sample could be contaminated with environmental argon, lead, and other substances.

Radiometric dating methods depend on each other. Most of them are compared to uranium numbers, so if the uranium numbers were flawed in the first place (and there are many scenarios in which they could be), then the other methods don't work either. To review issues with radiometric dating, I will refer to a few points from Henry Morris in "Scientific Creationism" chapter 6. He says:

- 1. You can't know the components of a system in ancient times. No system is closed. A closed system is merely a theoretical idea to simplify things. Since real nature is not a closed system it can be influenced by external variables fluctuating.
- 2. You cannot ascertain that the decay rate was constant. No process rate is unchangeable in nature. Many factors influence process rates, and these factors can change. Rates are, at best, only statistical averages, not deterministic absolutes. (See the RATE study, for example.)
- 3. Modern science only accepts dating methods that yield long eons of time and actively rejects other methods.
- 4. Some of the daughter components may have been initially created at the same time as the parent component. There are many ways daughter products could be incorporated into the systems when first formed.
- 5. Variables such as lead vaporization and free neutrons, etc., indicate that the lead ages, which are typically the oldest, could indicate nothing whatsoever about age.
- 6. Modern formations of lava rocks are dated to be millions of years old. When Rock melts it's supposed to reset the clock. Uranium aging on rocks of known

ages is incorrect, so why should we trust uranium aging on rocks of unknown ages?

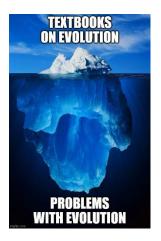
- 7. We accept the potassium dates which most closely resemble the uranium dates, but the uranium dates themselves are unreliable.
- 8. The change in argon is from the environment, not the decaying process. Environmental fluid and gaseous argon at the time of lava flow being incorporated into the igneous rock can account for the argon levels rather than the proposed decay rates.
- 9. Continental drift rates are also based on the potassium argon dating of rocks on the seafloor and are therefore flawed.
- 10. Rubidium strontium dating is also measured by uranium dating, so bad uranium methods make these unreliable too.
- 11. Rubidium strontium can easily be leached out, and there are other obvious flaws.

(End of Morris on radiometric dating.)

The geologic column was developed in the 1800s, long before any radiometric dating techniques were developed in the 1900s. Remember that when you hear claims about the geologic column being precise and absolute. The order that these concepts were developed is of critical importance when we learn that they throw out radiometric dates which don't match the

preestablished column. One professor admitted the selective use of favored radiometric dates in the scientific community when he said, "If a C-14 date supports our theories, we put it in the main text. If it does not entirely contradict them, we put it in a footnote. And if it is completely 'out-of-date,' we just drop it." (*T. Save-Soderbergh and *Ingrid U. Olsson, "C-14 Dating and Egyptian Chronology," Radiocarbon Variations and Absolute Chronology, ed. *Ingrid U. Olsson (1970), p. 35 [also in *Pensee, 3(1): 44].)

Another researcher admitted just how many unapproved radiometric dates they throw out when he said, "It may come as a shock to some, but **fewer than 50 percent of the radiocarbon dates from geological and archaeological samples in northeastern North America have been adopted as 'acceptable' by investigators."** (*J. Ogden III, "The Use and Abuse of Radiocarbon," in Annals of the New York Academy of Science, Vol. 288, 1977, pp.167-173.)



The point of radiometric dating is that the rocks 'clock' or 'age' gets reset to 0 years old when the rock is melted then solidifies into a new 'baby' rock; they think the earth was melted at its time of creation, so their measurement of the amount of decay is used to say how long ago the earth was formed. This becomes problematic for old earth evolution when fresh igneous rocks developed from witnessed lava flows are radiometrically dated to be millions of years old.

Another problem with radiometric dating is the assumed melted rock the Earth was created from. The book of Genesis describes the creation of Earth as a liquid water sphere without solid form, from which solid rock later came (Genesis 1:6-10 demonstrates this; consider verse 9 in particular: "And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.") Large bodies of scientific evidence do not support the melted ball picture of creation (see books like Evolution Cruncher and Universal Model vol. 1 for more on that.) I'll quickly mention one evidence of the non-melted origins of granite, namely that quartz rock (quartz being the majority of all rocks) is piezoelectric, and if they had been melted at any point in time, they would lose their electric capacity. Why is the water Earth creation an issue for radiometric dating? No melted rock, no clock reset.

Recent studies show that neutrinos affect decay rates. Although the changes are infinitesimal, it opens the door to possibilities that special neutrino events or some parts of the galaxy or something like a micronova might change them in significant ways. (see https://physicsworld.com/a/do-solar-neutrinos-affect-nuclear-decay-on-earth/)

Many interesting discoveries have been made limiting

the history of life on Earth to a very limited timeframe. One intriguing cutting-edge science discovery is that we have found fresh blood vessels in



dinosaur bones. In 2005, Mary Schweitzer, a paleontologist at North Carolina State University, accidentally found soft tissue in dinosaur bones. She told her assistant to "do it again" 16 times, and they got the same result. She waited an entire year to reveal her findings, worried that she would be ridiculed. Thirteen years later, in 2018, she reported that other scientists were still "thrashing her in the press." Why wouldn't scientists be excited about this discovery? Because it contradicts evolution in proving that dinosaurs couldn't have lived more than 30,000 years ago, which is about how long these tissues last. An outlier study shows 900,000 years, but these figures are both radically shorter than the 65-105 million years ago, when science claims dinosaurs lived. You can watch the 60 Minutes interview of her at this link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0-K7 H27Wq4. Microbiologist Devin Anderson PhD also talks about the discovery of dinosaur tissues. In the "Is Genesis

History" documentary, he points out how they've even found proteins, etc., in this dinosaur tissue, that it isn't just bacteria as some evolutionists have claimed.



Consider how supposedly millions and billions of yearold coal and diamonds have carbon-14, which carbon is only supposed to last thousands of years.

Tree ring dating and a plethora of other fields of scientific research put a very limited number on how old Earth can be. One of my favorite limiting sciences is measuring top-soil levels around the world. These measurements and accumulation rates demonstrate a very recent flood of Noah, about 4500 years ago, just like the Bible says.



(Image: Universal Model)

I wonder why people who believe God used evolution accept evolutionary timetables - those are timetables that would supposedly be required if no designer was involved! I reject the entire supposition that these timetables could work at all, but the fact that Christian evolutionists defer to these timetables shows how undeveloped and suspect these ideas are.

<u>Transitional Fossils? Archeopteryx?</u>



On pages 54-55, the LTSR authors popularly claim that the "Archeopteryx" fossil is a transitional species—a reptile turning into a bird. Is this real evidence of evolution, or is it just a bird? Let's take a closer look.

First, this bird isn't so unique. This bird with teeth and claws may be like the modern platypus which has some features of one animal type and other features of other types. The platypus has fur, lays eggs, is a mammal,

nurses, chews food with plates rather than teeth, & is generally far stranger than the Archeopteryx. There are no transitional fossils linking the platypus to other species. We think we have it all figured out with our classifications, but God reminds us with strange creatures that He is the creator and makes what He wishes.

What about its feathers? There is no viable scientific explanation of how scales would evolve into feathers because it never happened. Archeopteryx has feathers identical to modern feathers. There are no intermediate feathers between a reptile scale and a bird feather. The leg and wing bones of Archeopteryx are hollow like that of a bird. The feathers are well developed for flight, asymmetrically. (Non-flying birds, like penguins, have symmetrical feathers.)

What about its claws and teeth? Other modern birds, such as the ostrich, have 3 claws on each wing, the same as Archeopteryx. The Hoatzin of South America and Touraco of Africa have claws on their wings too. Various modern birds have teeth also, such as the Graylag Goose.

Evolution scientist P. Moody also acknowledges that it's nothing strange for a bird to have teeth. He says, "However, other extinct ancient birds had teeth, and every other category of vertebrates contains some organisms with teeth, and some without (amphibians,

reptiles, extinct birds, mammals, etc.)."—*P. Moody, Introduction to Evolution (1970), pp. 196-197



(Image: Graylag Goose with teeth, Wikipedia)

Is Archaeopteryx really a transitional fossil? There are modern birds in the same (Jurassic) period, as well as modern birds before this period. One evolutionist admitted that "It is obvious that we must now look for the ancestors of flying birds in a period of time much older than that in which Archaeopteryx lived."—*J. Ostrom, Science News 112 (1977), p. 198.

One evolutionist textbook plainly admitted that the entire field of bird evolution is speculative: "The origin of birds is largely a matter of deduction. There is **no fossil evidence** of the stages through which the **remarkable change** from reptile to bird was achieved."—*W.E. Swinton, Biology and Comparative Physiology of Birds, Vol. 1 (1980), p. 1

In conclusion, there are no transitional fossils between this bird and a reptile. This fossil doesn't predate birds; Archeopteryx is just a bird. It is common knowledge that variation within a species allows for differences like this without crossing the species barrier, which cannot be crossed.

Species Change

On page 25 the LTSR authors promote the idea that there are "transitional fossils."

The fact remains that we have not found the transitional fossils which Darwin's theory called for. The record is full of gaps from one species to the next. This is why evolutionists have invented theories like "punctuated equilibrium" claiming these changes happened 'quickly' over a few hundred thousand years,

but with lots of stasis (uneventful time) between the changes.

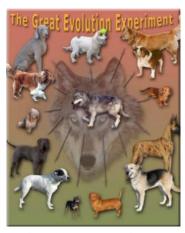
Whenever evolution theory statistically fails



to demonstrate reasonable amounts of change within the allotted time frame, it is changed, lengthening the time. No amount of revision will save this theory; let it go! On page 25-26 the LTSR authors claim to 'close the gap' between a walking land mammal evolving into a whale. To do so, they make a series of speculative claims about transitional animal fossils. Sequences about which animal came first are highly speculative, and the detailed mechanism of one fossil turning into another remains unexplained in all the scientific literature. (See the writings of Stephen Meyer for more on this.)

On pages 24-26 of LTSR, in their "God of the Gaps" section, the authors claim that there are transitional fossils and that God didn't just fill in the gaps of one form going into the other. Nature shows us very different kinds of animals, and evolutionists are on a mission to show that animals all came from a common ancestor, so they claim there is evidence of ancient animals existing in the 'gaps' between the diverse animals we see today.

This is all based on a flawed premise. The fossils aren't transitional, and there's no gap to fill, which implies that there is no sequence of change. The differences between the species have always and will always be there. The fact of large gaps between species is a major problem for evolution and major evidence for creation. Remember: species are very different from each other. This attests to specific creation and negates evolution theory's premise that everything evolved from a common ancestor.



What about species change? Despite all our breeding and extensive observation, no one has seen a new species emerge. As the famous Science journal reported, "No one has actually witnessed the birth of a species in the wild..." (Science, 25 June 1999, p2106)

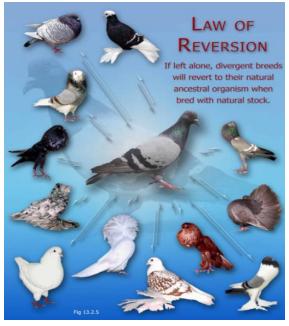


(Images: Universal Model 2)

After all our dog breeding, we still can't get anything but a dog. It's the same for pigeons: many varieties, but never a new species.

As one scientist put it, "At no point does the breeder produce a breed of pigeon that is so extreme that

one can no longer consider it a pigeon...endless varieties can be produced but in no case are new species formed." (In Search of Deep Time: Henry Gee, The Free Press, 1999, p33)



(Image: Two separate species are unable to breed, and specially bred animals revert back to their natural stock when left alone.)

One asks, 'What if you wait millions of years? Perhaps then you'd see a species change.' Waiting millions of years isn't something we can do and measure, and adding time isn't going to override known laws of genetics magically.



Insisting on Evolution: Beyond Theory



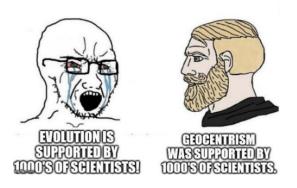
NOT JUST A THEORY:

On page 7 the LTSR authors give the 'theories are important' speech, as evolutionists often do. Real theories are supposed to explain how laws work, so which laws of nature are evolution explaining? None! Evolutionists are upset that evolution is still called a theory. For example, we don't call gravity a theory, and why not? Because we can prove it. It's a law. Word games aside, more and more scientists agree that

evolution is an unsustainable theory and will never become a law.

I remember watching a nature documentary that referred to evolution as an "established" theory. Throwing the word 'established' in there doesn't change the fact that no one has demonstrated it to be true. We have seen beaks elongate etc., but never have we seen one species evolve into another, and no common ancestor between animals and humans has ever been proven. Consensus should never be the measuring rod of truth.

ASSUMING EVOLUTION AS FACT:



On page 39 of LTSR, the authors ask, "Why are homo sapiens (us) the only species left among our human-like ancestors?" The answer is that we have no human-like ancestors. We are made in the image of God.

Small skeletons are those of various types of apes and short human pygmies. There was no line of partial humans that led up to our creation; we came straight from the bowels of God Almighty. We are His "children," His "direct" "lineal" "offspring" (see the 1924 1st Presidency Statement elsewhere in this essay, & Acts 17:29). Our origins are from on high, not from lower realms of beasts. The issue is that the authors, by asking this question, are **setting you up with an assumption** that you are supposed to take as fact. They want you to radically accept the controversial assumption that there is proof of human-like bones and the assumption that those bones are our ancestors. Both are false.

MOUNTAINS OF EVIDENCE – REALLY MOUNTAINS OF CHAFF:

On page 56, the LTSR authors say, "Scientists have not come lightly to the conclusion that all organisms

evolved on earth. They have accumulated mountains of evidence..." What we actually see are mountains of propaganda and 200 years of brainwashing via textbook rewriting to ensure



that this theory is relentlessly taught to the extent that people forget the simple and pure message nature intended to give. In this review we have begun to go over the key 'mountains of evidence' they thought would best showcase evolution. How are they holding up? Their mountain of evidence is only a mountain of chaff, quickly blown away in the wind. As Psalm 35:5 says, "Let them be as chaff before the wind: and let the angel of the LORD chase them."



(Image: Such a Time as This: Chaff Driven by the Wind (Psalm 1:4-6) (mattakers.blogspot.com))

A big secret many scientists are aware of is that evolution is on its way out. The geocentric model was believed by the educated for 1800 years but turned out to be the opposite of the truth. When Aristarchus proposed the heliocentric model, Aristotle's supporters shot it down based on the scientific evidence and theories of their time. They didn't have sufficient telescopes to see stellar parallax, and they didn't know about the law of inertia, so they thought the Earth was at the center of the universe, not the sun. Evolution theory was the best science could come up with in the 1800s, but we are far past that now – or at least we would be if it weren't for tax-funded establishments bending over backward to prop it up.

<u>Un-Equal Representation & Bias</u> <u>Against Non-Evolutionary Views and</u> <u>Findings</u>

Each member of a democratic society has a duty to look at what the experts are saying on both sides of a debate and form their own informed opinions. And as we do our research, as saints, we should be eager to understand God's will on all topics. Science does not

present a uniform opinion about evolution; in fact, it remains a subject of great controversy among scientists, and tricks of silencing the opposition are taking place routinely. The benefit of religion is that it helps us see which side to take when these controversies arise,



especially when falsehoods are squashing the truth and suppressing her. We should not set aside our religious understandings in the face of science. Religious understanding should inform us about when science is and is not on the right track toward finding pure truth. People intent on promoting a certain view often resort to silencing the opposition. Banning the capitalist professors in the Soviet Union did not ultimately stop capitalism any more than today's banning of professors who reject evolution will stop the truth of God's creation from being established throughout the world. We aren't communists; we don't need to rely purely on expert-approved opinions. So, when asked if we should just leave it all to scientists, the answer is, sure, if you're a communist! Those who value freedom will not abdicate thinking.

One excellent presentation on the systemic suppression of scientists who suggest intelligent design as a possibility for the origins of life is Ben Stein's "Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed."

(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V5EPymcWp-g)

Stephen Meyer, in chapter 11 of Darwin's Doubt, discusses a man who allowed an article that questioned evolution to be peer-reviewed and published in an academic journal—the man was promptly fired.

Michael Behe, in "Darwin's Black Box," talks about a man who performed many science experiments and was going to be hired but was asked in the interview if he believed in evolution. He said no; he believed in the biblical account of creation, and for this, he was not hired.

Jonathan Wells, in "The Politically Incorrect Guide to Darwinism," reported several prime examples of academic bias favoring evolution. Consider:

- 1. Michael Behe and other scientists trying to publish intelligent design academic papers in science journals are denied. They say it's not scientific because it's not published in journals, and they won't publish it because it's not scientific (because it can't be found in academic journals). (Note this is circular reasoning.) Journals also refused to publish Behe's rebuttals to those who have published attacks against him in journals.
- 2. Wells gives repeated examples of how academic freedom only applies to politically correct ideas. Intelligent design advocates are not allowed to participate in various science forums, conferences etc.
- 3. The Smithsonian was going to have a show where they talked about evolution and drew a philosophical opinion from it that the cosmos might be designed for a reason. Evolutionists everywhere were outraged and got the Smithsonian to cancel the show. The Smithsonian said they decided to cancel the show because upon further analysis they concluded that such a show would not be in keeping with the mission of the Smithsonian. The Smithsonian is fine with mixing in philosophy with their science when it comes to philosophies that say there is nothing in the universe and we are all there is in the cosmos, but if ever you want to suggest the possibility of a philosophy that there might be something of design in the universe and

purpose, they don't allow that.

- 4. There is dispute among evolutionary biologists about all forms of life coming from a common ancestor. Nevertheless, Darwinists try to shut down intelligent design advocates from even presenting that side by saying there is 'no controversy' that 'everyone agrees' on Darwinism.
- 5. Occasionally a biology textbook will bring up intelligent design only to say that there's no evidence for it and that it's just based on the bible. But of course, they don't let students view any of the materials defending intelligent design scientifically.
- 6. In the early 2000s Kansas took macroevolution out of their biology curriculum. Evolutionists got together and made it so those high school credits wouldn't count towards graduation. (Note so much for localized

education determined by parents. Everything is being federalized, globalized, and it's not you who gets to call the shots, it's



someone smarter and more important than you. Someone who has moved beyond the primitive ways of religion and parental rights.) 7. A public high school teacher named Dehart mentioned the possibility of intelligent design in his school, and the school board approved of it. He didn't put forth his personal opinion, he just pointed out that there's another possibility, and the ACLU crushed him, ending his career as a public teacher.

(End of Wells' points on academic bias favoring Darwinian evolution.)

To demonstrate that there is controversy in science today about evolution, consider groups such as Dissent from Darwin (https://dissentfromdarwin.org). Their site features a series of scientists who openly express their view that natural selection (the heart of Darwinian evolution) is wholly insufficient to explain natural processes. The site features a researcher who had written a textbook on evolution who said, "students at least should have the opportunity to learn about the flaws and limits of Darwin's theory while they are learning about the theory's strongest claims."

This isn't just about saying, 'Let God be the one directing supernatural selection.' It is to say that many basic tenets of evolutionary theory don't work.

One Chinese scientist pointed out that in China, you can't question the government, but you can question Darwin; whereas in America, you can question the government, but you can't question Darwin! (See "Darwin's Doubt" by Stephen Meyer)

On page 22 LTSR says "diversity of thought" is a good thing, but nothing in the Let's Talk Science book allows for diversity of thought when it comes to evolution. The theory of evolution is insisted upon from start to finish. As is the sad case today, tolerance often means tolerating everything that is mainstream. If you think they are being tolerant of opposing views, try and sign up for a creation-science class at BYU. Would it kill them to allow both points of view to be taught? I guess it would, at least, likely lead to killing their theory.

Are creation science advocates represented at BYU, a religious private university whose leaders have long taught against evolution, and whose founder started it for the express purpose of shutting down false theories of men? Not a chance. Why don't we start by offering a class at BYU on alternatives to evolution? There are plenty out there, and plenty of problems with evolution that are brushed under the rug.

What are we afraid of if we want to be scientifically rigorous by airing these issues and alternatives? Losing accreditation? That should be the least of the saints' fears. Most of us, or at least those with the highest moral standards, couldn't care less about accreditation if it means compromising on truth. It's like if they told us to take Brigham Young's name out of the school (which we might as well do if we are promoting

evolution), would we bow to that demand? Where do we draw the line?

So how about the religious scientists who aren't comfortable with evolution – is their diversity of thought allowed? Do they get a voice too? A friend of mine recently tried to get Deseret Book to sell his books, which promote creation, and they rejected his work, saying they didn't match the company brand. Boy have times changed! Remember the book "Man: His Origin and Destiny" by Elder Joseph Fielding Smith? It had entire chapters showing point by point just how absurd evolutionary theory is, and how exactly it contradicts Church doctrines. The Quorum of the 12 asked him to write it, and President Benson highly recommended it. Secular members of the Church today have almost entirely drowned out the once common message of scriptural creation among the saints.

Scientific creationists have never been allowed representation at the Smithsonian or other mainstream scientific establishments. In today's liberal academic climate, researchers who try to publish evidence contrary to evolution are ridiculed and defunded. This has left many scientists in fear of publishing who are aware of contrary evidence. There's a big red "NO" stamp waiting for all academic research that dares to question the theory of evolution. It's a vertical wall of disapproval. So much for diversity of thought!

It's like an article I recently read by a social scientist in the Church about the liberal bend of mainstream social sciences – "...there is virtually **no chance** that, say, a research **article in favor of the family proclamation**," Austin said, "is going to pass peer review." (https://www.sltrib.com/religion/2023/01/29/byu-faculty-urged-align-their/)

Joseph Fielding Smith encouraged students to study other theories than evolution. He said, "A few years ago the parents of a young man who was studying

scientific courses came to me in great alarm. Their son was doubting some of the doctrines of the Church. He declared that they could not be true for they were in conflict with the teachings

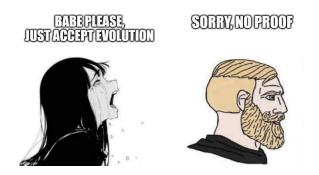


given in his classes. They wished me to have a talk with their son. This I did and we went into the matters at some length. I tried to convince him that **there were other textbooks and other scientists which do not hold to the views he was being taught**. That what he was being taught was merely a theory and not a proved fact." (Joseph Fielding Smith, Man: His Origin & Destiny, Introduction)

Insisting on Agnostic Science: No God Allowed

WHAT SCIENCE 'KNOWS'

The authors make many claims about what science "knows." There are certainly laws of nature which we have discovered, but what modern scientists think they know is often found later to be false, based on false premises, corrupt and incomplete data, and so forth. As Elder Uchtdorf recently taught, "First doubt your doubts before you doubt your faith." (Oct. 2013, Come Join with Us). I agree with Elder Uchtdorf and say let us beware of those who would put science before faith, using science as the primary truth to which everything else must comply.



On page 18, the LTSR authors say that it's okay for scientists to offer their "opinions" about what they find, but what happens when all those opinions are atheistic? Today, the atheistic voices in science are so

loud and consistent that the public has forgotten that scientists don't have the data to dismiss God from existence.

INSISTANCE ON AGNOSTIC SCIENCE

On pages 16-22, the LTSR authors have a chapter called "Science is agnostic." Does this trivialize God's word as a helpful standard in discerning truth and error if the question at hand has anything to do with science? We should all know that there are many false theories going around, and when we hold the word of God as our standard, it can help us avoid many false theories. But to the world of modern science, allowing any inspiration in the direction of their research is explicitly banned.

Modern science theories like evolution are not

agnostic, they are in fact atheistic because they have established the (arbitrary) rule that they will not allow for any supernatural existence whatsoever. How

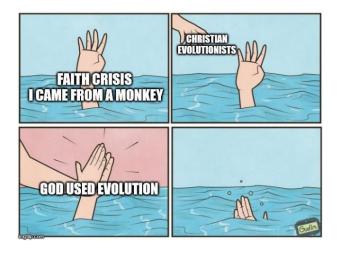


long can we live in denial of what they are doing, what they are skewing, what they are closing their eyes (and journals) to?

The authors throw in a few vague references to God being the creator, but it stops there; God's hands are tied, and evolution takes over.

God Used Evolution? Yikes! An Overview of Religious & Scientific <u>Issues</u>

It's like my old BYU astronomy professor who tried to convince us that 'God used Big Bang evolution, and that's just wonderful!' It's not wonderful, actually. It's wasteful, cruel, unintelligent, and represents a significant betrayal of all we have been taught in scripture and the teachings of the church over the past 200 years.



To evolutionists, it is laughable when Christians claim that 'God used evolution,' because literally the whole point of evolution is a way of explaining nature without any supernatural involvement! Who's in the driver's seat - supernatural God or natural selection? Mentioning God in the background of evolution's random processes isn't just silly; it's blasphemous and in direct contradiction to the nature and power of God as revealed in scripture. And don't try to say the processes aren't random – evolution aims to prove that it is both possible and plausible that everything did come about randomly, or in other words, without guiding intelligence. Throwing God into this fantasy isn't helping anything - relabeling broken things does not fix problems.

Why we keep applying this theory as a source of truth is lost to me. Do you really expect the **fruit of truth to come from militant atheists?** Are the kingdoms of tyrants the handiwork of God? Evolution is a **cruel** method of creation that can never account for nature's beauty. Sooner or later, people who don't want to make waves, who want to 'trust the science,' will have to admit that modern science has been deceptive, intentionally atheistic, guilty of mass academic fraud, guilty of government coercion and that many souls have fallen prey to its deceptions.



The object of evolution is to systematically remove the hand of Providence from natural and historical events. It is to say that everything could have reasonably happened without Providence, so it probably did. If you want Providence involved, you should let the scriptures weigh in on the argument rather than dismissing all scripture as 'not being a science textbook.' Truths about the creation are so much more amazing than evolution! Picture exalted beings traveling the cosmos, spreading life and civilization! God works not by untold billions of years of slow processes, but by power! God speaks, and eternity looks! Ironically evolutionists accuse creationists of keeping God in a box, when actually it's the evolutionists who fail to understand God moving in his power and glory!



So, here's an overview of a few points about why it's foolish to claim that God used evolution:

Here are some religious reasons why God didn't use evolution:

- -Scriptures disagree
- -LDS Prophets disagree
- -First Presidency statements say Adam was the "direct lineal offspring" of God. They clearly speak against evolution.
- -Luke gives a genealogy and says Adam's dad is God.
- -It's undirected ("Natural" selection)
- -Why look to a worldly idea for truth?
- -Darwin was evil. Advocates of the theory continue to be predominantly atheists.
- -Evolution was made to get rid of God.
- -Elements are intelligent and respond to God's authority.
- -It requires Adam's dad to be a monkey-man and thereby denies that man was made in the image of God, making us from lower lifeforms instead of higher lifeforms.
- -It denies the Fall, which also undermines the

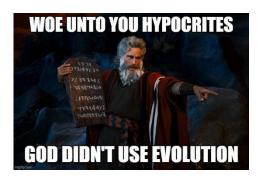
atonement.

- -It spiritualizes the scriptures, not allowing them to be literal.
- -It denies the flood of Noah.
- -Since we know God's power can do things quickly (think of the miracles), why do Christian evolutionists accept proposed timelines of atheistic evolution, knowing those timelines are designed to describe (theoretical) processes wherein nature made life by random undirected painstakingly time-intensive processes? Go ahead and try claiming that Almighty God used evolution to create life in 7 days or even 7,000 years and see how long they'll put up with your idea.

Here are some scientific reasons why God didn't use evolution:

- -It's wasteful.
- -It takes forever.
- -It's based on a long chain of unplanned events, so unlikely they may as well be considered impossible.
- -It's cruel.
- -There are more efficient ways to create; therefore, it's not charitable.
- -Science often contradicts it.
- -It requires a way too old earth.
- -Atheist agenda holds up the fake science
- -Tax dollars hold up the fake science.
- -Opposition to it is systemically suppressed.
- -It doesn't work with known laws of genetics.

-There is insufficient proof of it in the fossil record.
-It's statistically not possible for the time given, to mutate enough genes to create complex life.



If the world said the moon was made of cheese, and Christians said no, God made the moon, and he wouldn't have made it out of cheese, have we reached a satisfactory compromise when we say the moon is made of cheese, but God made it that way? The entire premise is flawed, and putting God into it isn't getting us any closer to the truth. Surely the God of order is offended when we blame Him for evolutionary claims. Though the whole world believes the moon to be of cheese, the saints will not!

Joseph Fielding Smith summarized his reasoning on why God didn't use the drawn-out process of evolution when he could have simply transported life to this planet. He said:

"Now let us reason together on what is here presented:

1. Worlds without number have been created.

- 2. They have been created as habitations for the children of God.
- 3. The great work and glory of our Father is to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man.
- 4. Inhabitants of other worlds are begotten sons and daughters of God.
- 5. When one earth passes away to its exaltation another comes.
- 6. The making of earths is a glorious work which has been carried on eternally.

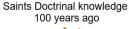
This being true, then does it not appear to you that it is a foolish and ridiculous notion that when God created this earth he had to begin with a speck of protoplasm, and take millions of years, if not billions, to bring conditions to pass by which his sons and daughters might obtain bodies made in his image? Why not the shorter route and **transplant them from another earth as we are taught in the scriptures**?

Surely to any reasonable mind, the Lord would not have to start with an amoeba, pass through the stage of lower fish to higher fish to reptiles to apes and to man! When we stop to consider how perfect are the workings of God; how thorough he is and orderly, surely these theories flatten out and are without substance." (Joseph Fielding Smith, Man: His Origin & Destiny, Ch. 12 Man the Offspring of God)



President Packer's teachings against evolution were consistent with restored truth. He boldly taught against descent from a common ancestor, saying, "No lesson is more manifest in nature than that all living things do as the Lord commanded in the Creation. They reproduce

"after their own kind." (See Moses 2:12, 24.) They follow the pattern of their parentage. Everyone knows that; every four-year-old knows that! A bird will not become an animal nor a fish. A mammal will not beget reptiles, nor "do men gather ... figs of thistles." (Matt. 7:16.) In the countless billions of opportunities in the reproduction of living things, one kind does not beget another. If a species ever does cross, the offspring cannot reproduce. The pattern for all life is the pattern of the parentage. ... Surely no one with reverence for God could believe that His children evolved from slime or from reptiles. ... The theory of evolution, and it is a theory, will have an entirely different dimension when the workings of God in creation are fully revealed." (Boyd K. Packer, "The Pattern of Our Parentage" Oct. 1984 general conference).





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Atheistic Evolution Encouraged?

On pages 20-21, the LTSR authors say we can 'accept atheistic viewpoints as they align with the science.' The question then is, why are we relying on science which points us to atheism? We know that true science, by definition, cannot point us to atheism (Moroni 7:14-17)! Let's look at Moroni's prophetic standards of measurement:

11 For behold, a bitter fountain cannot bring forth good water; neither can a good fountain bring forth bitter

water; wherefore, a man being a servant of the devil cannot follow Christ; and if he follow Christ he cannot be a servant of the devil. 12 Wherefore, all things which



are good cometh of God; and that which is evil cometh of the devil; for the devil is an enemy unto God, and fighteth against him continually, and inviteth and enticeth to sin, and to do that which is evil continually. 13 But behold, that which is of God inviteth and enticeth to do good continually; wherefore, every thing which inviteth and enticeth to do good, and to love God, and to serve him, is inspired of God. 14 Wherefore, take heed, my beloved brethren, that ye do not judge that which is evil to be of God, or that which

is good and of God to be of the devil. 15 For behold, my brethren, it is given unto you to judge, that ye may know good from evil; and the way to judge is as plain, that ye may know with a perfect knowledge, as the

daylight is from the dark night. 16 For behold, the Spirit of Christ is given to every man, that he may know good from evil;



wherefore, I show unto you the way to judge; for every thing which inviteth to do good, and to persuade to believe in Christ, is sent forth by the power and gift of Christ; wherefore ye may know with a perfect knowledge it is of God. 17 But whatsoever thing persuadeth men to do evil, and believe not in Christ, and deny him, and serve not God, then ye may know with a perfect knowledge it is of the devil; for after this manner doth the devil work, for he persuadeth no man to do good, no, not one; neither do his angels; neither do they who subject themselves unto him. 18 And now, my brethren, seeing that ye know the light by which ye may judge, which light is the light of Christ, see that ye do not judge wrongfully; for with that same judgment which ye judge ye shall also be judged. 19 Wherefore, I beseech of you, brethren, that ye should search diligently in the light of Christ that ye may know good from evil; and if ye will lay hold upon every good thing, and condemn it not, ye certainly will be a child of Christ.

On page 21 the LTSR authors say, "the most appropriate version of evolution, from a scientific standpoint, is agnostic, often referred to as "naturalistic" evolution." So, they are basing all their studies on a viewpoint that doesn't include God. How contrary this is to the restoration! Brigham Young commissioned Karl G. Maeser as President of the academy and told him, "You ought not to teach even the alphabet or the multiplication tables without the Spirit of God." (p190 Stoddard Faith Crisis Vol. 1).

On page 21 the LTSR authors admit that 'half of undergraduates who believe in evolution are atheists.' Their mission is to get people to believe in evolution and God at the same time, though this is an inherently contradictory mission. Sure, on some level, a person can believe in both, but by and by, a person will need to pick a side, as the philosophical & theological implications of these two ideas are direct opposites. Fortunately, science is beginning to disprove evolution, so the answers are not far off for those with good intent.



The Right Way to Approach Creation So We Aren't "Willingly Ignorant:" Demonstratable Science

DEMONSTRATABLE SCIENCE:

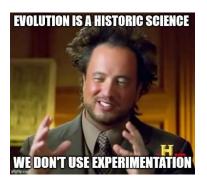
On page 28, the LTSR authors say, 'Don't let your faith be shaken' if science can explain something God did. While that is a correct principle, they apply it incorrectly by stating that there is provable evidence for evolution, which God must have used. Why do they feel a need to warn us of danger here? Because evolution is inherently dangerous. Is the truth dangerous? No.

On page 28, the LTSR authors ask, "What happens when science comes up with a reasonable and even testable explanation for a "gap" in our understanding?" The first problem with this statement is that evolution theory is neither reasonable nor testable. Next,

evolution isn't demonstrating the "gaps;" it isn't demonstrating anything because it isn't an empirically testable (real) science.

Author Ernst Mayr, delivering a lecture after receiving the Crafoord Prize from the Royal Swedish Academy of Science, explained the non-empirical nature of evolution, saying,

"Evolutionary biology, in contrast with physics and chemistry, is a historical science- the evolutionist attempts to explain events and processes that have already taken place. Laws and experiments are inappropriate techniques for the explication of such events and processes."



Thus, we see that evolution is more storytelling than science. Latter-day Saints are interested in testable science. The First Presidency of the Church taught, "Our religion is not hostile to real science. That which is **demonstrated**, we accept with joy; but **vain**

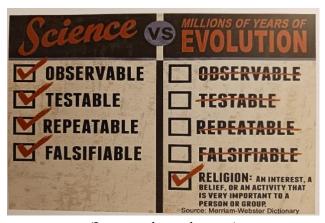
philosophy, human theory and mere speculations of men, we do not accept nor do we adopt anything

contrary to divine revelation or to good common sense. But everything that tends to right conduct, that harmonizes with sound



morality and increases faith in Deity, finds favor with us no matter where it may be found." (from "WORDS IN SEASON FROM THE FIRST PRESIDENCY":

Deseret Evening News December 17, 1910, part 1 p.3) (excerpt from the BYU packet on evolution http://biology.byu.edu/DepartmentInfo/Evolutionandth eOriginofMan.aspx.)



(Image author unknown.)

While some insist on filling the gap in their understanding with evolutionary theory, many are

holding out, insisting on demonstratable and doctrinally accurate science. The evolutionists are rolling on the floor right now – did he just say, 'doctrinally accurate science!?' Yep, he did. If science proves that God doesn't exist, scrap that trash. If 'science' 'proves' there was no flood, scrap that trash. I hate to break the bubble, but there are liars out there (excuse me, people who tell lies). I hate to break it to you, but some of those people in the habit of telling lies are active in the academic world, and let me tell you, they aren't on God's side. God has already established many truths by His word, and we need not prioritize the philosophies of men above God, even when they are mingled with scripture.

By claiming that our gaps of understanding are filled by evolution rather than by God, modern science advocates are taking God out of nature, excluding the creator from the creation. At the end of the day, you can't prove evolution - it is a belief system, an orthodoxy you shouldn't dare to question if you don't want to risk being fired or defunded.

Here in D&C 88:118 we read of mixing study and faith; notice how this passage refers to the issue of many not having faith in their study: "And as all have not faith, seek ye diligently and teach one another words of wisdom; yea, seek ye out of the best books words of wisdom; seek learning, even by study and also by faith."

In 2 Nephi 9:28 we learn that the learned who reject God's word are fools: "O that cunning plan of the evil one! O the vainness, and the frailties, and the foolishness of men! When they are learned they think they are wise, and they hearken not unto the counsel of God, for they set it aside, supposing they know of themselves, wherefore, their wisdom is foolishness and it profiteth them not. And they shall perish."

D&C 59:21 shows that not giving God credit for all of creation is very bad: "And in nothing doth man offend God, or against none is his wrath kindled, save those who confess not his hand in all things, and obey not his commandments." Notice how creation denial is linked to commandment breaking. Someone who doesn't see the hand of God in all creation from the beginning surely cannot be in keeping with the commandment to preach the miraculous gospel to all the world.

In D&C 29:34 we see that God doesn't want us to

separate spiritual and temporal things. "Wherefore, verily I say unto you that all things unto me are spiritual, and not at any time have I given unto you a law which was temporal; neither any man, nor the children of



men; neither Adam, your father, whom I created." Notice how the verse also talks about God making Adam, whereas evolutionists believe that Adam was made from a monkey who evolved.

WILLINGLY IGNORANT OF CREATION:

We learn in 2 Peter 3:5-7 that people are willingly

ignorant, particularly about the dynamic events of the creation and the flood: "For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out



of the water and in the water: whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: but the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men."

The Joseph Smith Translation of 2 Peter 3:5-7 is even more clear about the creation and the flood: "5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that of old the heavens, and the earth standing in the water and out of the water, were created by the word of God; 6 And by the word of God, the world that then was, being overflowed with water perished; 7 But the heavens, and the earth which are now, are kept in store by the same word, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men."

Psalms 19:1 insists that nature does indeed prove God: "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork."

Stephen Meyer's research exposing evolution lead him to say, "Why attempt to reconcile traditional Christian theology with Darwin's theory as Collins tries to do if the theory itself has begun to collapse?" (Stephen Meyer, Darwin's Doubt)

Closing Thoughts

I hope that this book makes people aware that BYU Science Professors are not just making students aware of evolution - they are openly, systematically, and even dogmatically advocating it. That this is going on while many plain and precious scriptures which contradict their teachings are ignored or explained away.

As for the claims of science, I hope this book has helped you encounter some serious breakdowns in evolutionary theory, which may lead you to reinvestigate its claims. It is most difficult when all the world has signed on to a certain theory but remember that the scientific consensus has been wrong in the past, and it is the adversary's full-time job to deceive us.



Previewing Key Concepts in Volume 2 on Religion



In the next volume of this series, we will delve into the details of scripture and Church teachings related to the theory of evolution.

Church Position

We will also consider First Presidency statements clearly stating that we are "direct, lineal offspring of God," that we do not come from lower species as some claim. While evolutionists claim that these statements "do not confirm or deny evolutionary science claims", (LTSR 49-50), the statements clearly refute evolution. Here's a preview, which will will discuss later in detail:

"It is held by some that Adam was not the <u>first man</u> upon this earth, and that the original human being was a development from lower orders of the animal creation. These, however, are the theories of men. The word of the Lord declares that Adam was 'the first man of all men' (Moses 1:34), and we are therefore in duty bound to regard him as the primal parent of our race. It was shown to the brother of Jared that all men were created in the beginning after the image of God; and whether we take this to mean the spirit or the body, or both, it commits us to the same conclusion: Man began life as a human being, in the likeness of our Heavenly Father." (The First Presidency, "The Origin of Man," *Improvement Era*, Nov. 1909, 81; *Ensign*, Feb. 2002, 30.) (Joseph F.

Smith, John R. Winder, Anthon H. Lund) (Reprinted in the Ensign 2002 at

https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/ensign/2002/02/the-origin-of-man?lang=eng)

We will point out the issues in the "No official church position on evolution" claim, clearly at odds with multiple First Presidency Statements. Elder Boyd K. Packer heard the claim about there not being an official Church position on evolution and responded: "Twice the First Presidency has declared the position of the Church on organic evolution. The first, a statement published in 1909 entitled The Origin of Man was signed by Presidents Joseph F. Smith, John R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund. The other, entitled Mormon

View of Evolution, signed by Presidents Heber J. Grant, Anthony W. Ivins, and Charles W. Nibley, was published in 1925. It follows very closely the



first statement, indeed quotes directly from it." (Boyd K. Packer, The Law and the Light, Book of Mormon Symposium, BYU, 30 October 1988)

We will expose statements calling for leaving science to scientists.

We will point out the many holes in the Organic Evolution Church History web page.

Scriptures

Scriptures of the restoration go against evolution. For starters:

- -2 Nephi 2:22 there was no birth or death before the fall of Adam.
- -D&C 77:6-7, 12 Earth's temporal lifespan is 7,000 years (not billions).
- -JST 2 Peter 3:8; Facs. 2 Fig. 1; Abr. 3:6-11 Each day of creation being 1000 years, not millions or billions of years.
- -JST 2 Peter 3:5-7; Gen. 1:1-10 Earth was created by water and was later covered by a worldwide flood higher than the mountains which Noah and the animals couldn't just run away from.
- -D&C 84:16 Adam was the first man.
- -D&C 29:34 We shouldn't separate spiritual and temporal things.

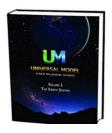
And a few from the Bible:

- -Luke 3:38 Adam was literally a son of God (not a son of millions of years of monkeys and humanoids).
- -Psalms 19:1 Nature does prove God.
- -Romans 5:12, 14 By one man sin and death entered the world.
- -1 Cor. 15:21-22,26 by the man Adam came death.
- -Genesis 3:17-19; Romans 8:18-22: Plants were also affected by the Fall.

- -Genesis 1, 6, 7, Moses 2: Animals only reproduce after their kind (no common ancestor).
- -Genesis 3:17-20 shows even plant life was impacted by the Fall of man, and that Eve was the mother of ALL living.
- -Romans 8:21-22 speaks of all of creation being cursed.
- -1 Corinthians 15:21-22, 26, and 45 speak of Adam as the first man, and of death entering the world at his Fall.
- -Romans 5: 12-14 also teaches these doctrines of death originating from the sin of man.

Appendix: Highlighting Creation Science Writers

Review of Universal Model: A New Millennial Science Textbooks Vols. 1 & 2 by Dean Sessions





I've never seen a science work, even a creation science work, make religion so obviously scientific. It makes a strong case for religion as a reasonable central thing which goes with science.

The strength of UM is that it demonstrates the 7000 year creation as set forth in scripture, and shows my citing many academics and conducting experiments, that these doctrines are what science naturally demonstrates.

Ch. 1-4 Introduction: This gets people ready to understand that modern science is WAY off.

People might see the "big pic of modern science" (against Darwin and Einstein) at first without seeing the evidence and automatically reject UM (of course it's inherently hard sharing new ideas with the world and we can't get everyone on board).

Ch. 5 The Magma Pseudotheory – In the Ch. 7 on water we see lots of answers which the magma chapter poses. The diagrams and images were extra helpful to clearly dismantle the magma theory.

Ch. 6 The Rock Cycle Pseudotheory –These are writings preparatory for the flood chapter and require an understanding of the magma pseudotheory.

Ch. 7 The Hydroplanet Model – Revolutionary findings to finally prove the old water-planet idea held by people long ago. Here the magma mysteries are answered.

Ch. 8 The Universal Flood Model – This chapter answers mysteries posed in the rock chapter. Hundreds of geological evidences are given for the worldwide flood.

Ch. 9 The Weather Model – This research clears up confusing meteorology. There were exciting concepts here, the geofield, very exciting.

Ch. 10 The Age Model – This chapter exposes radiometric dating flaws, gives lots of great examples, enjoyed the DNA and dendrochronology.

This chapter demonstrates true dating methods and exposes false ones. I like the 1 day to 1000 years conversion from scripture being applied to and evident in scientific research.

This chapter will open people's eyes to how shaky modern science is since the age of earth is so dogmatically promoted.

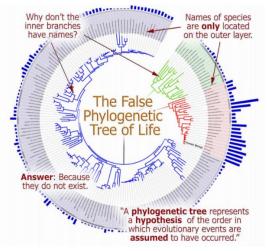
The Earth's core is important for knowing the Earth's age once one puts the pieces together.

Ch. 11 The Fossil Model – Most are surprised to hear of the flood fossilizing everything, UM nailed how it happened by successful experimentation. All of UM is anti-evolution, just taking on different aspects of that battle.

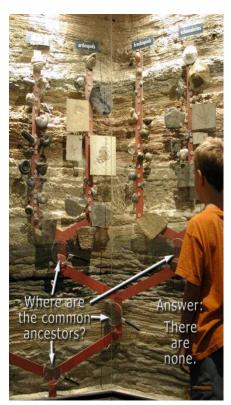
Ch. 12 The Evolution Pseudotheory – It's nice that UM includes a few overviews of some contributions from other creation science texts in here too. UM gives credit where it's due and takes things to a whole new level. The magma exposé

brings a whole new branch of strength to the antievolution topic which most people miss.

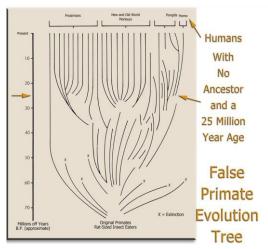
Here are some great illustrations and a few scientists quoted from the evolution chapter of UM, as well as related chapters (actually the whole of the UM books are all against evolution):



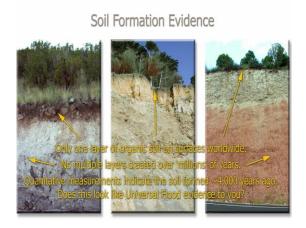
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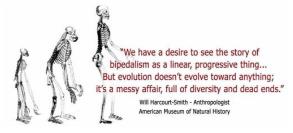


The above image from Universal Model Vol. 1 Ch. 8 demonstrates that continents weren't subducted and uplifted multiple time as modern geology claims, and that thickness of the organic soil layer on the surface

indicates the time each layer took to form. Because soil formation times can be generally determined, these soil layers indicate a worldwide event took place only several thousand years ago, depositing the sediment beneath the topsoil layer.

"One of the major stumbling blocks is the lack of evidence concerning fossil forms and the ignorance about the direction of evolutionary trends and rates of evolution. This creates a serious problem, since without data, weighting of characters in classification is largely subjective, and a truly evolutionary classification will never be a reality." Frank E. Poirier, Fossil Evidence, p12; Universal Model 2 p180

"We have a desire to see the story of **bipedalism as a linear**, **progressive** thing... but **evolution doesn't evolve toward anything**; it's a **messy** affair, full of diversity and dead ends." (Will Harcourt-Smith – Anthropologist, American Museum of Natural History)



"...the human family of species are arranged in an orderly procession from **primitive forms up to**

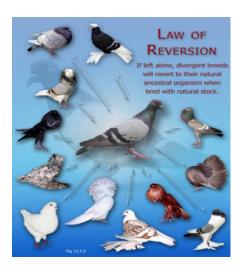
modern Man. But such scenarios are subjective...they are unscientific." (Henry Gee)



(Images from Universal Model 2)







Ch. 13 The Living Model – Makes clear laws of living things, exciting to start seeing the higher intelligence be emphasized. The earth as a pond idea was awesome. The microbe stuff is certainly revolutionary and makes God obvious.

Ch. 14 The History Model – Fascinating language record based on the tower of Babel. The simplicity of the 3 original races was mind-blowing. The family history chart of someone back to Adam was very exciting.

Both history and science are fraught with error, and UM is an epic help to be grounded as we approach those subjects, a reminder to take the Bible seriously and literally, etc.

Ch. 15 The Clovis Model — Human fossil artifacts in the USA show the pre-flood people lived there. This I'm sure will be news to many. We have a hint of it in the Latter-day Saint religion; this sets the stage for demonstrating the Book of Mormon as a historical text (Adena Jaredites, Hopewell Nephites, etc.). All of this helps prove that God placed humans here at a certain time, that humans haven't lived on earth for so long.

Ch. 16 The Human Model – I loved the material against childlessness and abortion. Kids these days want to know why having children is important, this shows why in a way important even for those who don't believe in God.

Some kids reject God and everything to do with God when they don't like a particular church. UM helps show how God is reasonable, and how basic concepts of faith are important even for those who don't have a religion they trust yet. It helps them not be atheist, however popular. It demonstrates that religious people are happier, etc. There were good demonstrations in psychology and successful family life in this chapter.

I loved the political science model and the boldness in showing that we need a balance and a medium, but also showing that the liberals have taken over and are toxic. UM does that in a scientific way. I love it when UM is bold! Truth has permission to be bold!

In the medical model I found lots of new ideas which renewed my faith not only in good nutrition, but in herbalism and natural methods to help irregular conditions improve. The Jethro Kloss Back to Eden stuff about natural medicine is fascinating. I know his ideas need to be proven like any other idea, but I do see the weight of evidence from his healing many people. Naturally, the academic journals etc. will do everything they can to get rid of these things which don't cost boatloads of money, and which cure people (getting rid of their return clients)!

UM exposes many conspiracies. The Book of Mormon certainly warns us to beware these secret combinations. The conspiracies often go deeper than most are willing to admit. UM does well with the vaccine writings, showing they have potential, but are typically useless and dangerous.

This subchapter advocates natural whole foods, and advocates eating plant based.

UM shows that the human was meant for life on earth, that such proves a creator, that we don't thrive in artificial environments, and that this applies to what we eat as well. Brilliant. It proves life is intentional and full of purpose.

The noetic science stuff was interesting. UM makes a great point that conscience is beyond science, that we can prove that the spiritual realm is real, etc. UM endorses the idea that people (like prophets and other inspired individuals) can have information in ways which are purely spiritual. We say faith is just for religion, but UM shows it's for science. We also say religion is just faith, but perhaps someday soon people will recognize much of religion is provable, and UM has done well at highlighting this.

UM mentions that the psychics who didn't charge for their services were typically the most successful, that would make sense.

UM highlights that scientists are openly antireligion. It does a great job at proving this, and it helps paint the picture overall that history, including the Bible, is fundamental to science. It shows that Godless science doesn't work!

The human model covers topics more people are familiar with and will be quite easy reading for the public. All of UM is understandable, but this chapter people already know something about, and they'll have quite an easy time with.

Volume 2 introduces the social sciences, not just the hard sciences into the picture, and it makes UM all the more beautiful and simple, not being afraid of these controversial subjects, these more 'subjective' sciences; UM makes them more objective, and shows how bias and atheistic agendas have made social sciences into watered down and less useful, and by doing this UM shows how correct use of social sciences can be very useful. Everyone would do well to remember that we have potential for both physical and social science in a good way.

<u>Darwin's Doubt by Stephen Meyer –</u> <u>Book Highlights & Commentary</u>



This was written after his landmark "Signature in the Cell" book. He responds to some criticism of his work there.

This is an excellent and detailed book going over

specific evolutionist claims. My notes here only reflect a few general principles.

Here is a summary of the book which he gives toward the end. 4 specific scientific critiques of the inadequacy of Neo-Darwinism in this book are

- "1. Neo-Darwinism has no means of efficiently searching available combination space for functional genes and proteins and consequently
- 2. It requires unrealistic unrealistically long waiting times to generate even a single new Gene or protein, and the new mechanism cannot produce body plans because
- 3. Early acting mutations, the only kind capable of generating large-scale changes, are also invariably deleterious and
- 4. Genetic mutations cannot in any case generate the epigenetic information necessary to build a body plan."

Darwin saw the lack of transitional fossils as the one big problem in his theory. He hoped later researchers would find them, but no one has. Dogmatic Darwinists are more confident about the theory than Darwin himself was. Darwin was at least able to confess the weakness of his theory when it came to the lack of transitional fossils.

One Chinese scientist pointed out that in China

you can't question the government, but you can question Darwin; in America you can question the government, but you can't question Darwin!

Scientific literature in every field is raising serious problems with Neo-Darwinism.

Darwin was all about a universal common ancestor, and natural selection being how we have variety today.

Evolutionists say the soft and hard parts of animals had to evolve at the same time since the animal couldn't survive with just the soft part.

There are many fossils of soft parts of animals which goes against Darwin's longtime theory.

Many fossils are even more complex than the animals of today, which goes against Darwin's simple to complex theory.

There are Precambrian fossils of tiny soft animals, but not of transitional fossils; if even the tiny soft animals were preserved then necessarily the other transitional animals would have been too. Lots of data indicates that transitional animals never existed, and this is true even though many pre-Cambrian environments were ideal for fossilization.

With how much we know about the fossil record now we can't claim that these transitional fossils might be out there somewhere. It's like reaching into a bag of marbles and pulling out blue, red and yellow. At first you think the whole rainbow might be in there, but as you keep pulling out marbles and you only get the same three colors, so you can't keep saying that it's likely that the whole rainbow is in there, much less the whole spectrum of colors between each color.

Scientists now see the Cambrian explosion happened in a much shorter duration of time than previously thought.

They say the Cambrian explosion is like one minute of a 24-hour day when compared to the age of Earth. Evolutionists play word games to try and make it seem like they came in an explosion which took many millions of years, claiming a series of explosions etc. Evolutionists are always trying to find ways to make the Cambrian explosion appear less explosive.

Meyer does lots of debates and discusses some of those in the text. (Note - he is one of the greatest debaters.)



Many fossils which aren't even animals are claimed to be intermediate animal fossils.

There are many leaps in complexity in a relatively short geologic time, which natural selection cannot account for. They have been called 'quantum leaps.'

Neo-Darwinism is like classical Darwinism, requiring significant amounts of time, and Neo-Darwinism focuses on mutations. They claim that in the Cambrian and Ediacaran periods that significant mutations took place over 40 million years, which is not nearly enough for natural selection to make those changes. That's why they call these 'explosions.'

The first principle is do not fool yourself, you are the easiest person to fool. If you fool yourself, you'll fool others. They come up with names for intermediate branches on their phylogenic tree when no discoveries of those animals have been made, it's just a name a placeholder!

Scientists will admit amongst themselves weak points of their theories, but in public they deny or undermine those points.

Homologous structures were known to be signs of a common designer until evolutionary theorists foisted their dogmatic view on everyone, insisting that these rather mean a common ancestor.

Evolutionists downplay the Cambrian explosion claiming that millions of years of evolution caused that explosion, but that this evolution was all hidden!

Scientists admit that there is overwhelming evidence in the fossil record that animals evolved long before evolution theory claims they would have.

Note - this does not refer to deep time, this refers to the order that fossils are found.

Scientists admit that whenever you see a time in

geologic literature, you should demand uncertainty.

Scientists claim that we already know that life evolved from a common ancestor, so they automatically reject findings which don't agree with that conclusion.

Scientists admit there is no tree of phylogenic life pointing to a common ancestor. Genes do not give information about evolutionary relationships.

Molecular and anatomical data frequently disagree, leaving scientists arguing about how to classify them.

We know of many cases when similarity does not indicate common ancestry. Evolutionists repeatedly invoke convergent evolution to uphold their theory from collapse, while convergent evolution goes against all of their homology arguments. The whole phylogenic tree is based on similarity being a reliable indicator of ancestry, and as we see they don't have this anymore.

There's no consistent coherent way to organize all animals into a family tree.

Imagine that you're invited to a reunion of distant family. You get there and you're supposed to organize yourselves into first cousins, second cousins, etc. based on appearance and common ancestry stories. But the more you talk to the people at the event, the more you realize you don't have the same story and not many people there look like you at all. This is what we have with the animal classification and the phylogenic tree of life. (The analogy breaks down when you consider that all humans were from a common human ancestor, but all living things were not.)

Punctuated equilibrium theory is a way to try to confront the stasis in the fossil record, in other words the lack of transitional fossils which Darwin's gradualistic theory requires. Punctuated equilibrium is about long periods of nothing happening and then lots of things happening and then back to long periods of nothing. (The only reason they have long periods of nothing is to account for traditional evolution time.) Gould was very popular for advocating this.

Meyer debunks allopatric speciation and punctuated equilibrium. These theories require unusual speed and flexibility.

Mendel showed that Darwin's idea of blended inheritance is not correct. The discoveries of

Mendel posed many problems for Darwin's theory.



Mutation is an editor, not a composer.

The probability of the production of a new gene or protein is astronomically small. With the amount of time they are giving us it's not even close to enough time to even make this a possibility. Even with billions of years if you took a single phrase and mixed up that phrase and added random letters onto it you couldn't get a complete library.

Richard Dawkins had a computer program recreate a phrase but this does not really mirror natural selection because **natural selection isn't given a phrase to look for**.

Before any beneficial protein gene folding by way of random natural selection, functional benefits would long be lost.

Chapter 11 goes over a guy who allowed an article that questioned evolution to be peer-reviewed and published in an academic journal - the guy was promptly fired.

Evolutionists make claims about genes evolving which are as unsupported as alchemists lead turning into gold.

Evolutionists make claims about gene mutation very similar to taking a book, rearranging its paragraphs randomly, rechanging the spelling of words, reordering the page number, the page arrangement etc., and expecting a more advanced book to be made from this random process.

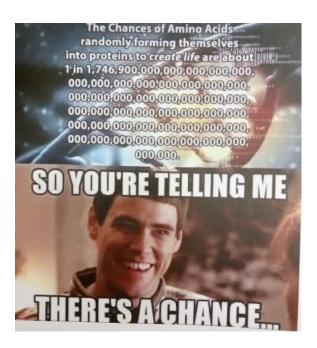
Note - Remember: evolution is all about natural selection, which means things will naturally, left to themselves, do this stuff. Nature dissembles, it destroys. Only supernatural God creates.

Note - Here's a million-dollar question for 'Christian evolutionists, why do we embrace the timeline of natural selection? Surely supernatural selection could do it faster? Guided vs unguided processes? But time is the sacred cow of evolution – get rid of old Earth, and it soon becomes apparent that everything about evolution theory is bogus. If the evolutionists

leave the party, no one will want to come anymore (or better said, be forced to come anymore), and all of this common ancestor nonsense will fall away.

Evolutionary biologists use the term de novo to refer to unexplainable sudden changes. (New terms don't solve problems.)

Evolutionists don't bring up mathematical probabilities of things they propose. Evolutionary scientists have tried to find ways around the mathematical statistical problem but are now beginning to face the facts.



You can't swap jeans around like Lego bricks.

Meyer points out various animals with specific features that could not have evolved gradually.

Evolutionists oversimplify the mathematical probability of evolution by oversimplifying organisms, oversimplifying mutations, oversimplifying how things were made, oversimplifying what a mutation can do, oversimplifying everything and ignoring the fact that many systems require multiple parts to be assembled at once.

Given the current age of Earth there's not enough time for one single gene to evolve, much less an entire series of evolutions making animals and humans.

Evolutionists come up with wildly imaginative scenarios and on the rare occasion when they attempt to put them to the test, the tests fail.

The types of mutations that do occur are not the types of mutations required by macroevolution.

There's no sufficient variation, which means there can be no sufficient selection which means there can be no evolution of species.

Neo-Darwinism does not account for the genetic or epigenetic origins of life. Meyer goes into detail on these subjects.

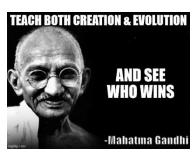
The Cambrian explosion remains a profound problem for evolution. Microevolution observed in nature only explains survival of the fittest, not arrival of the fittest.

Neo-Darwinism depends on three claims.

- 1. that there are variations
- 2. that natural selection selects among those variations and

3. that favored variations survived to future generations. They are variation, natural selection, and heritability. This is the triad of evolution.

Evolutionists proposed wild-eyed theories without giving any chemical or biological explanation of how those could be feasible.



Any self-organizing components in chemistry are extremely basic, nowhere near the complexity of DNA. Scientists admit that **self-organization is really more a slogan** than a theory.

Note - the Jurassic Park line "life finds a way" is just another pro-evolution slogan trying to suggest that major things can happen naturally without supernatural direction or supernatural creation.

Genes do not and cannot generate new epigenetic information.

Darwinists are in trouble when you point out that 194

natural selection wouldn't allow for much variety, so how you going to get all the variety? Darwinists have tried to talk about various nonworking gene duplication etc. theories but are stuck with this problem. It makes their time for random mutations much longer, once again excluding evolution as a possibility in the time frame we are given by modern scientists.

Scientists admit that evolution is speculative.

The whole point of natural selection theory is to explain design without designer.

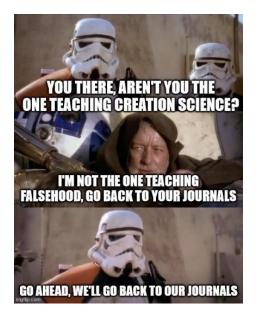
Note - why do people who believe God used evolution accept evolutionary timetables? Those are timetables which would supposedly be required if no designer was involved.

It's not just that nature does not look like it evolved, nature **specifically looks like it was designed**.

Computer simulators of evolution have a target sequence, but natural evolution should not have a target sequence. Natural selection lacks foresight. Generic mutation simulators need to have a forward-looking direction, and this is precisely what nature and natural selection do not have.

Interdependent logical interactions show design (not natural selection, which is the heart of evolution theory).

See The Anarchist Manifesto.



The Cambrian explosion does not support the Darwinian idea of a bottom-up evolution.

Agassi (a contemporary of Darwin) pointed out that in the fossil record, we see various prototypes which indicate intelligent design. All these years later that still appears to be the case.

The book "The invisible Man" by GK Chesterton

is about how someone was murdered while four honest guards did not detect the murder. It was the mailman who clearly walked up and into the house and back out - they just didn't suspect him. This is like how **nature clearly shows** an intelligent designer - it's just that the scientists are **unwilling to acknowledge** the designer.

The commitment to materialism in science causes them to reject intelligent design. It's not that materialism is what the evidence shows, it's **their only allowed framework**, even when the evidence points elsewhere (great full quote here if you can find it).

Scientists have **decided by fiat** to exclude anything involving intelligent design and this is greatly hindering scientific progress, **limiting the types of theories that are tested**, etc.

We shouldn't be committed to abstract criteria about whether something is scientific or not. There are disagreements about what science is. Rather we should focus on whether something is true.

There are unobservable things like magnetic fields etc., and gravity force, yet those are clearly

science, so why is intelligent design by an unseen designer not considered scientific?

Note – and yes, we can detect the impact of God, just like we can detect the impact of gravity, magnetism, etc.

Similar logic and reasoning are used for intelligent design and Neo-Darwinism, yet they come to two different conclusions.

Experience shows us that things are made by cause-and-effect design, so why wouldn't nature be the same?

We have sufficient evidence to say causal design made nature, though we don't have all the details of how, and this is logical.

They used to think there was junk DNA, that much of the genome was not necessary because it was leftover trial and error from evolution's natural selection; now they are finding there is no junk DNA. See the Endcode Project.

Evolution's monopoly on science today stifles discussion.



Scientific materialism followed (Note- we might say 'is the fruit of') Darwinism, claiming that there is no purpose in life, no purpose for Earth, etc.

Neo-Darwinism specifically denies that natural selection is guided in any way. They say the appearance of design is an **illusion**.

You can't insist that science and religion are two separate fields and at the same time call for harmonization of science and religion.

Note: great point, Either they work together making one connective truth, or one of them is

wrong.

"Why attempt to reconcile traditional Christian theology with Darwin's theory as Collins tries to do if the theory itself has begun to collapse?"

The new atheism is built on top of (note- or 'is the fruit of') Darwin's theory.

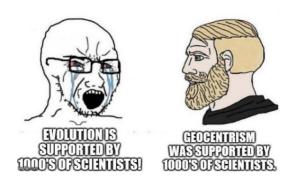
Intelligent design doesn't insist that there wasn't something before Earth and what we see was designed.

Note – these matches teachings of the restoration, that God built from existing materials, and that God isn't the first God (there is no first God).

Intelligent design shows life can have a purpose, there can be a god.

Intelligent design **detects and identifies** creation, it doesn't just say there's a designer. The ability to detect design brings science and faith into **real harmony**. This prevents feelings of anxiety and promotes feelings of wholeness and hope. We need landmarks and steady points of reference. We need a father to call out to for help when we are troubled.

Intelligent design has faith affirming implications.



By Design: Behe, Lennox, and Meyer on the Evidence for a Creator on Hoover Institution – Lecture Highlights

https://youtu.be/rXexaVsvhCM

The Cambrian explosion and other times in the geologic record show that birds appear suddenly reptiles appear suddenly fish appear suddenly there's no intermediate species.

Findings are going away from Darwin not towards him because we are finding more unique animals not animals with similar intermediate species.

In the fossil record an animal appears stays and then disappears upon extinction or survives to today.

Just opening a niche after a mass extinction does not mean new species are going to be created because there's no code for them.

Evolution does not answer the question of the original life; it claims that life has changed, but it doesn't explain how life started.

Life cannot have originated on Earth, mathematically there's not enough time even for evolution.



In Darwin's day they did not know cells were very complex, they looked like little bobs of jelly; today we know cells are run by many complex machines. In their simplistic view of nature, they thought it was reasonable for natural selection to evolve life. But it isn't reasonable. It's WAY too complex.

Judgement Day: Intelligent Design on Trial by NOVA - Highlights & Analysis

A Dover Pennsylvania school district had science teachers read a 1-minute statement saying intelligent design (ID) is an alternative to evolution. That life is too complex to evolve on its own, and that evolution's theories have lots of holes. Many science teachers and parents became angry about this and sued the school saying that the school was pushing religion. The science teachers refused to read the one-minute ID possibility statement required by the board! Court trials ensued. Currently it is considered a violation of rights to teach ID!



The evolutionists in the presentation said ID is just an attempt to push religion. They said they value

their theory more than mere facts (what!?). They spoke of how evolution is much more than a theory to them, and how doubting evolution to them would be like saying the US Civil War never occurred (so much for it being a theory). They talk about the "theory of gravity" - wait, isn't it the "law" of gravity? Yep, because we have specifically demonstrated it over and over, unlike evolution of species (and no one can even define species, because they don't want to be exposed when we show that one species can't cross into another)! The evolutionists in the presentation claim that nothing has disturbed the theory of evolution for 150 years. This is ultimate pride. How can these scientists be unaware of the scores of errors in this theory and make such a pompous statement? Ultimately the evolutionists, of course, won the case.

The ID advocates in the presentation said they wanted both evolution and ID taught to give the students fair exposure to both theories. George W Bush was in favor of intelligent design being taught at schools as another theory to be presented. (Good for Bush!) Of course, the presentation did a terrible job of presenting the ID view, not really talking about any evidence of ID, but mostly just featuring ID people talking about how upset they are. They put on quite the show demonstrating the blundering horrors of the

twisted creationists (obviously threats and vandalism are uncalled for, but why focus on that?), while leaving the evolutionists enthroned, not showing flagrant deception perpetrated by their hand. This bias even in this documentary on a two-sided battle is not surprising as NOVA themselves are of course dogmatic evolutionists, as all mainstream "scientific" establishments are these days. A few cases for ID were presented by Michael Behe, author of Darwin's Black Box, such as the flagellum motor and other things which have irreducibly complex parts, meaning parts that if removed the whole system doesn't work, and therefore cannot form through gradual evolution. Of course, NOVA gives the evolutionists plenty of time to throw things at this, as the majority of the presentation gives time to evolution rather than ID.

Analysis:

The real issue is that we have misunderstood the separation of church and state for a long time now. It wasn't meant to mean state should be free from religion, as in only atheist. It was meant to not have the state push a certain church as the only true church. Saying that intelligent design is one of various scientific theories is in no way violating separation of church and state.

Science should be concerned with pointing out flaws in all theories. If evolution doesn't hold water, they should drop it. Unfortunately, conspiring leaders dogmatically and militantly drive evolution. Ironically, atheism has become the state religion, and no dissenting views are tolerated. It's a vertical wall in the academic journals and peer review process when you try to publish anything that isn't in line with evolution. These professional pharisees don't dare put their name on the line by getting involved.

One flaw in the theory of evolution includes the tree of life which has many gaps. The tree is shown a few times in the presentation. There is no tree! There are some similar species, but no continuous flow of one species to the next, culminating in the evolution of the human.

One flaw of the ID theory (it's more of a tenant of popular creationism in particular than intelligent design) is that limiting idea that the creation took place in 7 days, when the Bible itself says that 1000 years to man is a day to God, meaning a 7000-year creation is wholly possible within the parameters of the 7-day narrative of the Bible. The critics of ID always talk about a ridiculous 7-day creation, when ID is not even necessarily limited to that! It could be either way, but evidence I've

seen points to the 7000-year creation over the 7 day version.

<u>Intelligent Design resources mentioned in the</u> presentation:

Textbook: Of Pandas and People: The Central Question of Biological Origins, 2nd Ed. Darwin's Black Box by Michael Behe Discovery Institute: a major organization in favor of intelligent design

DVD: Unlocking the Mystery of Life

Book: Darwin on Trial by Phillip E. Johnson Movie: "Inherit the Wind" is an old movie retelling the account of a Tennessee teacher fined for teaching evolution at school back in the day. They portray the evolutionists as sophisticated and the ID advocates as backwards hillbillies, which obviously is biased. One value of this movie might be in simply demonstrating to youth that there is debate, that it's not all one sided as modern schools portray.

Book: Traipsing into Evolution by the Discovery Institute, responding the Dover case.

<u>The Politically Incorrect Guide to</u> <u>Darwinism by Jonathan Wells PhD –</u> Book Highlights & Commentary

My notes here only scratch the surface to many awesome concepts from this book. Be sure to learn more from this book and other volumes in the stellar "Politically Incorrect Guide" series.

Darwinism is accepted now based on popular opinion rather than evidence. It's the 'scientific consensus.'

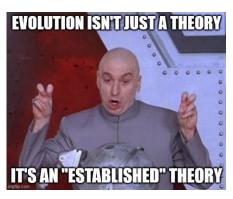
People claim that Darwinism is Central to all the life sciences, but it's not been involved in genetics etc. Mendel did not like Darwinism. The contributions in the fields of agriculture genetics etc. have not had anything to do with Darwinism. We can have a new verb "to Darwin." When something gets stolen it's been "Darwined." Identity theft? You've been Darwined. Someone else taking credit for work you did? You've been Darwined.

Note – I remember hearing about a doctor who said you don't need to study evolution to be a good doctor, he got fired as I recall.

Darwinists shut people down who point out that Darwinism isn't a fact. One school put in a

textbook that evolution is a theory not a fact and should be carefully considered before accepting. Darwinists pulled some strings and got a court to demand they remove such instructions.

Note – Darwinists love to make the word 'theory' sound like the greatest thing ever. The problem is that theories are supposed to describe how laws work, and we can't identify which laws Darwinism is trying to defend. And we all must confess that evolution is not a law. They also like to refer to evolution as an 'established' theory.



Darwin said the strongest evidence for his theory was embryos and the embryos he had drawn for his book were forgeries. Darwinists often admit that they were fudged to fit the theory but claim that they still represent truth. Academic dishonesty like this in other any other field wouldn't stand a chance. In reality, human and animal embryos in beginning stages look very different, and the

beginning stages are the most important even according to Darwinists.

The World isn't old enough to get all the gene strands needed to make an organism by chance. If possible, it would take trillions and trillions and trillions and trillions of years.

Note - of course this is why they're always making the Earth and universe older. The more we show their theories impossible the older they make it to forestall their doom.

Michael Behe and others trying to publish intelligent design academic papers in science journals are denied. They say it's not scientific because it's not published in journals, and they won't publish it because it's not scientific (because it can't be found in academic journals). Journals also refused to publish Behe's rebuttals to those who have published attacks against him in journals. *Note – this is circular reasoning*.

Our Earth is suitable for life, and they claim our universe is just lucky enough among many universes, but there's absolutely no proof or evidence that other universes exist.

Wells gives repeated examples of how academic freedom only applies to politically correct ideas. Intelligent design advocates are not allowed to participate in various science forums, conferences etc.

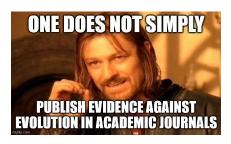
The Smithsonian was going to have a show where they talked about evolution and drew a philosophical opinion from it that the cosmos might be designed for a reason. Evolutionists everywhere were outraged and got the Smithsonian to cancel the show. The Smithsonian said they decided to cancel the show because upon further analysis they concluded that such a show would not be in keeping with the mission of the Smithsonian. The Smithsonian is fine with mixing in philosophy with their science when it comes to philosophies that say there is nothing in the universe and we are all there in the cosmos, but if you ever want to promote a philosophy or even suggest the possibility of a philosophy that there might be something of design in the universe and purpose, they don't allow that. On a funny note, when the Smithsonian was considering airing this show, one evolutionist tried bribing the Smithsonian \$20,000 to not play the film. A critic of evolution heard about this, called the guy, and threatened to show the film in Europe unless he paid him \$20,000 also.

Microscopic living organisms have essential individual components which if removed, the whole system would fail. This is called irreducible complexity. What Darwin thought was a little

black spot of an eye is extremely complex. (Michael Behe talks about this in his book "Darwin's Black Box.")

Scientists blame the religious for holding on to their religion dogmatically, but Darwinists hold on to Darwinism dogmatically. The government considers it blasphemy to question evolution.

Many have recognized that Darwinian evolution has been the **greatest contribution to atheism** the world has ever seen.



Evolution says that any gods worth having don't exist.

Intelligent design advocates don't just give rebuttals to Darwinism, they demonstrate that many things found in nature show obvious design. That many things don't work without design.

Darwinists say, 'intelligent design isn't science because it isn't testable, and besides it's been tested and found false.' (More circular reasoning.) Teaching students for and against creationism is not the same thing as teaching intelligent design.

Evolutionists freak out whenever someone who believes in intelligent design is hired as a science professor, even when those science professors aren't teaching intelligent design to their students, they're just pursuing and teaching that in their private life and at home.

Darwinists don't want critical analysis; they ban creationists trying to do so.

Should teachers be permitted or encouraged or required to point out problems in Darwinian evolution? Should teachers be permitted or encouraged or acquired to teach intelligent design as an alternative?

There is dispute among evolutionary biologists about all forms of life coming from a common ancestor. Nevertheless, Darwinists try to shut down intelligent design advocates from even presenting that side by saying there is 'no controversy' that 'everyone agrees' on Darwinism.

Occasionally a biology textbook will bring up intelligent design only to say that there's no evidence for it and that it's just based on the Bible. But of course, they don't let students view any of the materials defending intelligent design scientifically.

In the early 2000s Kansas took macroevolution out of their biology curriculum. Evolutionists got together and made it so those high school credits wouldn't count towards graduation.

Note – so much for localized education determined by parents. Everything is being federalized, globalized, and it's not you who gets to call the shots, it's someone smarter and more important than you. Someone who has moved beyond the primitive ways of religion and parental rights.

Kansas and Ohio in the early 2000s were debating whether to allow intelligent design to be taught as an alternative in schools. Intelligent design advocates like Stephen Meyer and the author of this book Jonathan Wells advocated allowing teachers to teach both the pros and cons of evolution theory and to not ban alternative theories.

A public high school teacher named Dehart mentioned the possibility of intelligent design in his school, and the school board approved of it. He didn't put forth his opinion, he just pointed out that there's another possibility, and the ACLU crushed him, ending his career as a public teacher.

One lady said God told her to get creation science out of the school. And nobody had a problem with that. But if she had said God told her to put creation science in the school, or that God told her to get Darwinism out of school, a lawsuit surely would have followed.

Give Darwin only praise or you face the wrath of the judiciary. Teachers must teach Darwinism, the whole Darwinism and nothing but Darwinism. What happened to the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?

Darwinism has been used to justify social evils such as eugenics and racism. Darwinists put a pygmy man Ota Benga in a zoo as a display of monkeys becoming humans. He remained on display until a Baptist preacher protested at this racism and he was let free. Shortly later he killed himself.

President Bush said both sides, Darwinism and intelligent design, should be taught.

Most successful businesses rely on the Bible, not the origin of species. To be creative is to take leaps of faith. All creative thought is based on belief and is religious.

Hitler excused mass extermination based on Darwinian ideas.

Before Darwin science and religion got along well. But Darwin declared war on traditional Christianity.

A key tenant of Darwinism is that man is an accident.

Famous Darwinist Richard Dawkins said Christianity is a disease.

Several States endorse religious Darwinist views and none other.

Critical analysis of Darwin is now illegal in public schools

The Soviets persecuted scientists who taught Mendelian genetics instead of Darwinism.

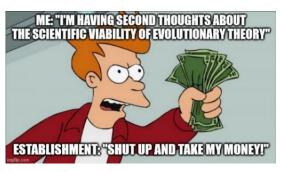
Wells points out many cases of professors who dared suggest intelligent design as a possibility who got sacked.

Everyone who's been paying attention knows that there is a debate between Darwinism and intelligent design. A tactic that Darwinists are using is to claim there is no debate and that it's concluded. Anyone who knows American history knows that telling people they are not allowed to talk about something is the least likely tactic to work.

Note – we have lost much of that spirit of freedom, but I believe some of it remains with a remnant of us.

Darwinists are on the defense and their behavior shows it.

The journal Nature said that even though all evidence points towards design, we exclude that possibility because it is not naturalistic.



Note – this causes the modern science world to go looking for answers to questions which nature has already answered in strange places, leaving them to come up with strange scenarios to explain what should have been obvious. They become fake, looking for non-design explanations, rather than just admitting that design occurred.

Orson Scott Card (*note- a latter-day saint*) points out how Darwinist methods are unscientific and based on their supposed authority. That they resort to credentialism and expertism. But real science

doesn't reject legitimate questions just because the person who asked the question doesn't have certain credentials. **Resorting to credentials shows that you don't have an answer,** and you just want the questioner to go away. Expertism is to say, 'trust us you poor fools.' Darwinists tell the general public we are too dumb to understand.

Evolutionists continue to embarrass themselves by being emotional and out of control in their response to critiques and questions of intelligent design. They're not acting scientifically, they're acting dogmatically.

The arrogance being exhibited by Darwinists is the classic attitude of a loser. The only question is whether they will go down gracefully or kicking and screaming, censoring and denouncing to the bitter end.

Darwinism is funded with multi-billions of dollars a year by compulsory taxation. The very small intelligent design movement is funded very modestly all by donation.

Most intelligent design research must be done in secret not because it is unethical but because if Darwinists find out about it, they will shut it down. Many people involved in intelligent design research to someone secret because they would lose their job if people knew.



Intelligent design is not based in the Bible, and it is not based in America. Its popularity is growing worldwide.

Science can never be decided by judicial fiat. Darwinists may control what we are able to say, but they can't control what we think. **A major scientific revolution is at hand**, all the signs are here - forcing the opposition into silence etc.

A few more notes, these specifically from Chapter 1 on Wars and Rumors:

Darwinism claims that design is just an illusion.

Intelligent design is not a biblical theory, it is a scientific theory based on nature and logic.

Often Darwinists claim to be just peddling change over time, but they're really getting at much more.

Evolutionists claim that the attack against evolution is a war on everything, and that intelligent design would ruin everything.



Change ACROSS species (speculative)

Change WITHIN species (demonstratable)

Note – the evolutionists certainly have their tentacles in just about everything these days, but clearly this mindset is an overreaction. As evidenced by "Big History" and related projects, evolution-based thinking is a cancer that won't stop growing, infecting all of academia.

The 2005 Time Magazine had an addition on the controversy of evolution and pictured God pointing to an ape.

Change over time is simply history. It is obvious. Darwinian evolution is much different than simply change over time. Darwinism suggests change across species but what has been observed is only change within species. **Changing gene**frequencies and descent modification are

obvious but they don't happen across species.

Genesis said God created certain kinds.

Darwinism claims

- 1. all living things are descendant of a common ancestor,
- 2. that undirected natural selection is the principal agent causing speciation and
- 3. that unguided processes are sufficient to explain all living things, and whatever appears to be designed is an illusion.

Darwin said he wanted all beings as descendants of a few beings from the distant past. He said natural selection is the most important means of modification

Darwin speculated that life started in a warm little pond. Darwinism does not explain the original life. Everything before bacteria is conjecture.

Darwin said he could see no evidence of design of any kind. He saw everything as a matter of chance. Darwinists teach that man is an accident.

Evolutionists call biology the study of living things that *appear* to have been designed.

Note – maybe the recent removal of human anatomy/physiology from high school biology curriculum is due to the hand of God being so clearly evident in the human body. Russel M.

Nelson, heart surgeon, said that anyone who has studied the human body has seen God moving in His majesty and power.

Intelligent design relies on evidence, so it is not religious.

Even Darwin suggested it was a possibility that God created the first or the few first living things. Today Darwinists do not allow that.

Note – when it comes to censoring God, the Devil just needed his foot in the door, and he took it from there.

It was Christian clergyman who pioneered the study of modern geology.

There has been disagreement among creationists about whether Earth is old or young, about whether God created everything at once or whether he set up programs and let them go, or how long the length of a day of creation is.

Note - my view is that each day of creation was a thousand years, and it is based on evidence and scripture. But I do see some possibility in the 24-hour creation day as well. The book of Moses also says the creation account in scripture only referring to our local area. I believe God's creations are ongoing — His works never cease. I believe His miraculous intervention in the lives of

His children is a daily supernatural out-of-theordinary occurrence.

The new war is not about evolution and creation, it is about Darwinism and intelligent design.

Intelligent design says that some features of the natural world are best explained by an intelligent cause rather than accidental happenstance.

Design inferences are based on evidence, not just based on ignorance of how something works.



Ark in the Darkness Documentary Highlights



The ark structure is ideal, large ships today have similar structures.

Only about 7000 animals would have to be on the ark.

The flood word in Hebrew is "mabul," it appears only twice, as in the flood of Noah, and in Ps. 29:10 which says God sat as king at the flood.

Gen. 6 has 60x repeated words like "all" and "every," showing Noah's flood was a global flood.

A local flood couldn't last that long.

If the flood was local the ark would not have been needed, all the animals would not have needed to be on it, and Noah's family could have just walked away.

Note – if it was a local flood, the covenant to never repeat such would be violated repeatedly by now.

The judgement on mankind was great "on the earth," so it wasn't a local flood. (Note – the covenant was established with Noah because he was the last man standing.)

A local judgement in the past means the future Jesus would be local. No, both are worldwide (according to the scriptures).

You can't find Eden because it's buried under 1000s of feet of sediment. The pre-flood world was destroyed.

Mainstream scientists accept there was a global flood on now dry Mars, but they refuse it for Earth, despite Earth being already most under water. Earth is 70 percent covered in water.

Note – this is clearly out of atheistic motives.

In phase 1 of the flood the mid ocean ridge bulges up, water goes up a mile, then a tsunami from that occurs as it erupts. If trenches weren't so deep and some mountains less high, our world would all be underwater today.

Antonio Pelegrene, a Christian, came up with continental drift decades before Wegener. Antonio cited Genesis, that at the creation there was only 1 continent.

Mid-Atlantic ridges are scars from where the great deep opened.

Each large tsunami would bring another layer of sediment. These tsunamis could cover entire continents.

Dinosaurs are found in fossil beds with thousands of animals. There aren't erosion channels (indicating rivers); a powerful flood would have killed them.

There are trees spanning several layers, which layers are supposedly millions of years apart. The Grand Canyon layers could have been deposited in a mere year.

Sea creature fossils are mixed with land creatures, they all were swept together in the flood.



Earth is mostly of water-formed sedimentary rock layers.

Bended and folded rock could only occur if the layers were soft and pliable at their formation.

Bottom layers still had to be saturated with water without time to dry out.

Trees can't stay in contact for millions of years to be buried a little at a time, they would decompose.

Fossil trees are missing their root systems because they were transported in tsunamis and being bottom heavy, they sank bottom down and were buried thus standing.

Sedimentary layers span entire continents, showing they were formed at the same time. Sediment from the east is found in the west.

Complete rapid burial is needed for fossilization.

This suggests cataclysmic events. There are trillions of fossils. Yet normally dead things decompose into dust.

Water percolated into flood sediment, bringing needed minerals for fossilization.

Note – remember we are dealing with massive amounts of sediment being shot up from the 'fountains of the deep.'

Wasp fossils are seen with open wings and legs in flight position - they were flying to escape and were trapped. We have fossils of fish-eating other fish. Fossilization was rapid and catastrophic!

All layers have saltwater creatures.

Asteroids causing dust and climate change death wouldn't bury the dinosaurs. The asteroid was invented 40 years ago when their previous theory didn't work.

Note – many scientists are beginning to admit that flooding caused extinction of the dinosaurs. Yep, it was Noah's flood!

Volcanism and water are what Genesis says happened in the flood of Noah killing all the animals. Volcanic openings from ocean floors. But secular humanists just say it was meteor impact. Box turtles, ducks, boa constrictors, all 7 groups of animals have been found with the dinosaurs. **Museums won't show modern animals in dinosaur displays**. They want you to think these animals didn't co-exist, but that evolution occurred.

Soft tissue in dinosaur bones smelling of purification are recent discoveries that mainstream science doesn't want to get out. These dinosaur bones have elastic material and muscle tissue and red blood cells on them. These can't be old, 100,000 years tops, yet these are supposed to be tens of millions of years old. 16 types of biogenic material are found on these dinosaur bones. (Note – it's not just bacteria that got on the bone like some scoffers are claiming.) Collagen lasts .001% as long as evolution requires. Scientists publishing this get fired for promoting religious views, but it's just publishing scientific evidence.

Note — evolution strikes again! If your findings contradict that narrative, they'll be buried until we 'emerge' from the dark age of evolution!

Dragon legends are about the remaining dinosaurs who were hunted.

Science proves a genetic bottleneck of human

population as we would see from Noah's family repopulating earth.

There are about 200 flood traditions, very similar to the Bible account. A family surviving on a boat from a flood from God. These traditions are even from places far from the ocean.

Genesis 1-11 takes place before mankind scattered, and people have legends of these shared events of creation, the flood, then the tower of Babel.

The tower of Babel was a one world government building project which God stopped by confusing the languages.

There's only one race, we are all from Adam. This inspires love for all.

Language families lead to dead ends. This contradicts the 'emerged' evolutionary language idea. Languages trace back to the time of the tower of Babel.

There were 70 Nation groups at the time of the tower of babel, and there are that many root languages.

People were surprised at the flood, and the second

coming of Jesus will mirror this surprise. The flood was a judgement similar to what will come.

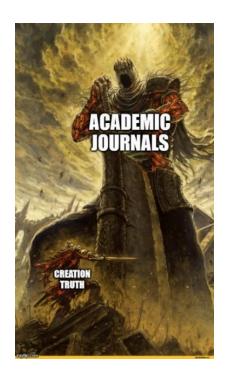
Public square teachings are against marriage and promote all forms of sexual deviation.

The Bible has recorded predicted events which happened exactly as it was predicted. Jesus came to earth in the only time all the prophecies about the Messiah could be fulfilled.

The sin of one man brought death to all. Sinlessness of one man brings life to all.

There was only 1 door into the ark, and there's only 1 way to salvation, which is Jesus Christ.

See Dr. John Baumgardner, Dr. Andrew Fabich, Dr. Gabriella Haynes, Dr. Mark Horstemeyer, Dr Charles Jackson, Dr. Terry Mortenson, Dr. Randall price, the Logos research Association, Dr. Andrew Selling, Dr. Carl Werner.



<u>Dragons or Dinosaurs? Creation or</u> <u>Evolution? By Darek Isaacs –</u> <u>Documentary Highlights &</u> <u>Commentary</u>

Produced by Cloud Ten Pictures

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The word dinosaur was invented after the Bible was published. They use jackal now instead of dragon because of fear of evolutionists, but the word should be translated as dinosaur based on the descriptions of historians.

There is much lore of dragons across cultures.

One Indian legend said a giant bird would bring thunder when it visited them. The bird lived in the mountaintops. We see for a bird to live in the mountain tops it would need the updraft from a thunderstorm to get there, hence the Indians said it was a bird which brought lightning.

Many things that were around in the supposed age of dinosaurs are still here today like Oak and other trees.

Water deposited sediment is where we find most fossils. Such is like Noah's flood time, when sudden massive amounts of water come. Most bones are very scattered since when they fall to the floor of the ocean they are devoured. Also, calcium carbonate is soluble in sea water. Hence,

forming fossils is a rare thing to happen.

Note: But the near complete skeletons, and many in an area, indicate rapid burial.

Mt. Saint Hellens made many layers of sediment not taking 100's of years to form, but one day. This surprised geologists.

Measure current lava flow from Hawaii and you won't get 0 years old, but ancient.

Radioactive decay rates have been at increased rates in certain periods of history as one study called RATE shows.

The presentation goes over evidence for the earth being about 6000 years old. (about 50min in).

Note – Earth could be 13k with a 7k creation, applying the 1:1000 ratio that appears several times in scripture. Either way, it's a finite short amount of time, not the fantastical millions of years dreamed up by evolutionists to attempt to justify, or rather mask, their godless claims.

Lava flow in a canyon (that is younger than the canyon) is measured as older than the canyon. More C14 discussion is presented.

The presentation goes over dinosaur bones found with blood cells in it; this is fresh marrow with soft blood vessels. This could not be if that animal died many years ago!

Charles Lyell said, "I am sure you may get into Q.R. what will **free the science from Moses**, for if treated seriously, the party are quite prepared for it." (June 14 letter to George Poulett Scrope)

These teachings brought on statements such as, "Lyell saw himself as "the spiritual saviour of geology, freeing the science from the old dispensation of Moses." (Porter, Roy S. (July 1976). "Charles Lyell and the Principles of the History of Geology". *The British Journal for the History of Science*. **32** (2): 91–103.)

Were life to go from microbes to man, it would take more like googol years than billions of years; evolutionists saying billions of years is a way of saying an impossible thing can happen.

They say over billions of years anything is possible, but would you claim a person could win the lottery daily for 100 years? This is the type of claim evolutionists make.

Evolutionists say the simplest life was long ago,

like a jellyfish, but they actually have about as much DNA as we do. (Not so simple, are they.)

If you want to say things are by chance in being formed, what is the difference between billions of years vs. thousands of years?

There should be millions of species between others in evolution, but there is not. Darwin's stages of animals etc. are no longer what we use.

Newton, Boyle, Maxwell, Faraday, Carver, Pasteur, all these were Christian Bible believing people. They have helped open us to more science than most.

Job 40 says, "I made (this beast of beasts) along with you." Some Hebrew experts say it was the largest land animal God made. It was said to have a tail like a Cedar tree. Consider the Cedars of Lebanon, they are huge. Another place says arms like great bars of iron.

Job 41 Leviathan is described as leaving a trail in the mud that shatters pots, etc. God describes that it has layers of shields with no gaps between them, and that it breaths fire. There is a beetle that shoots hot liquid at things, the electric eel that electrocutes, the cobra that shoots poison into the eye. There is a hollow part in the dinosaurs with an unknown function, it could be for mixing chemicals to make fire.

Were dinosaurs on the ark of Noah? The average size of dinosaur is that of a goat. Animals were on the boat so they could reproduce. Science today teaches they could reproduce at age 8 to 10, so young dinosaurs would be brought. Many of them would have been wiped out by the flood.

There are legends of hunting dragons; that is one way there are fewer of them.

The ice age after the flood of Noah could have killed many dinosaurs also.

Note – there's lots of ice age theories, ranging from many to none.

Many think of how we come into existence randomly without a creator so they don't have to be accountable to a creator. When Christ comes evolutionary theory will utterly go away.

Evolutionary theory is driven by paradigms, not by evidence.

The Appellation and Himalayan mountains were made from the flood. There are fossils in it because animals were crushed in that in the flood.

Note – another theory is that the waters went high above these mountains.

Today one of the biggest reasons they can't believe in Jesus is because of what they teach in science class in school; based on what they teach in school, the Bible does not make sense!

Today's science is proving that processes that were thought to take millions of years can be done in very short periods of time. (Note – this is true from fossilization to coal formation to layer deposition to canyon formation etc.)

Man's views and opinions are always changing; rest your hopes and views on God's wisdom, not man's.

Forensic scientists don't see crimes, they make conclusions and suggestions on what could have happened. The judge and jury will determine the case by the eyewitness of who fired the gun from where. This is what the Bible does for us.

<u>Is Genesis History? Documentary</u> <u>Highlights</u>



These are my notes on the presentation, and do not exactly capture the ideas presented. As they are extensive, permission has been obtained to share them from the author. As is typical, I don't agree with all the ideas put forth in this documentary but share many fascinating elements of it.

First, they cover geology, then biology, then astronomy, then history.

Genesis History: Geology

Mt. Saint Helens made geological structures which we usually attribute to being extremely old. Deep bedrock can be cut in just a few days with powerful mudslides. Catastrophic processes can make big things happen fast.

Note - see also Universal Model theory of the Grand Canyon as being formed by flood deposits followed by a major earthquake.

See Steve Austin PhD Geologist

Genesis speaks of fountains of water coming up at time of Noah's flood.

Note – evolutionists bash on creationism saying there's not enough water in the atmosphere for a worldwide flood, but we never said there was!

Mountains have risen since the flood, so we can't look at them to determine how deep the flood was.

Note – There's compelling evidence for the flood to have been around 5 miles deep, which would cover the tallest known mountains. There are other theories as well.

Note - Latter-day Saints know that the earth was baptized by immersion, completely, by the flood. Great evidence exists for this fact in science and doctrine.

The standard idea is that the Colorado river wore the Grand Canyon down over tens of thousands of years, but erosion would have collapsed it over that time. The Grand Canyon could have been eroded in just a few weeks. The Grand Canyon would have been from a large powerful flood, not just a local flood. The Grand Canyon more logically would have been made with a lot of water in a little time rather than a little water over a long time.

Science isn't just about evidence, it's about paradigms, how you interpret the evidence.

Note – Good point. Stephen Meyer in "Darwin's Doubt" points out how modern science has arbitrarily decided to refuse to consider any evidence pointing to intelligent design.

Steven Boyd PhD. Hebraist says the world's greatest Hebraists agree that Genesis is narrative, not poetic. This means that the text should be understood as it is written. The biblical text does not conform with the contemporary narrative. God creates mankind. Marriage was invented (by God) in the beginning of mankind. A global flood occurs. The tower of Babel text shows how different languages evolved.

Jesus descended from Adam as the Bible text genealogy shows. Mankind was created on the 6th day of creation. This shows that the days of creation could not have been extremely long ago. Mt. St. Helens was small compared to other historic volcanic eruptions. We can't use present day rates of processes to determine how long the geological record accumulated (because there are catastrophes which aren't constantly occurring).

The millions of years of decay rate of atoms at present day doesn't mean the rate was consistent in the past. Universities ignore evidence of historic rates being different because they are set in their millions of years geological evolution idea. They insist that we have rocks millions of years old to support this narrative.

Samples from the same rock can test to be vastly different ages.

Where there are no evidence of erosion between layers, those layers were quickly laid down upon each other; this is seen in areas of the Grand Canyon.

The Grand Canyon was underwater deposition (see presentation for details).

Note – I've heard a few different ideas on this, all of which were superior to the idea of underground layer building from subduction based on slow

plate movement which then slowly emerged, as mainstream science claims.

See Kurt Wise Paleontologist

The book of Peter prophecies people in the last days will say that the Lord isn't going to come because things are always going to be as they always have been. They deny the idea that the past was any different than the present.

Note – James Hutton's "Uniformitarian" theory, central to the old Earth claims, is a huge fulfillment of this scripture concerning false doctrines to be taught in the last days. Evolution is only 200 years old; it is an apocalyptic theory of doom.

The Bible describes different epochs of time where very different things happen; God starts and ends certain projects. At the time of Adam and Eve it says they would have lived forever if they had not sinned, there were different conditions. Now the sun won't burn forever, etc.

In the ante-diluvian (pre-flood) epoch, there were very different animals and plants on earth. In Peter it says that world was destroyed. (The scriptures speak of new heaven and new earth several times.) The earth is still recovering from the flood; this can describe glacial history, etc.

The modern epoch of time based on our current observations can only describe the earth back to a few hundred years after the flood of Noah.

The Bible records historical events but it (*usually) doesn't tell how they happened; we can study nature to find out how these events happened.

Note – good point; the Bible is true, so we clearly can find natural evidence of it, and clearly this will build faith in God. This is one of the big reasons he gave us the Bible!

A great flood could have taken ocean animals and thrown them onto land continents. The Cambrian explosion (an appearance of lots of marine animals which shows up almost out of nowhere) makes sense as the flood was about destroying ecosystems; we see a complex whole explosion of life (in the fossil record, indicating mass death); whenever you move up in the geological record, you see different ecosystems. The flood waters got higher and higher and destroyed more and more, until it got to the top. In other words, all that life was already there, we are just looking at the graveyard of all that life.

Placement of the next layer on the fossil record must have been quick; entire ecosystems and species getting wiped out at the event of the worldwide flood.

At the time of the flood the earth was filled with violence; it was not so at the time of creation. When we go to natural history museums, we see the animals of the time of violence on earth. (In the beginning there weren't carnivores.)



Note – right, and the Book of Mormon reinforces this in 2 Nephi 2:22 which says there was no death before the fall of Adam, and it applies that to ALL things (not just in Eden). Then we have a millennium where things will go back to paradise, when there will **again** be no more death. (We look

forward to a restoration of peace, not the first peace Earth has ever known.)

Fossilization requires very special circumstances; if a coyote dies in the desert today, its body soon disappears. Fossilization is rare, yet we find dinosaur fossils all over the Earth.

Note - Rapid fossilization has been observed, and occurs easily when conditions are met, including high pressure etc.

The rule is that there are no transitional forms, those forms remain the same in the next stages of the fossil record; when there are transitional forms, that's the exception rather than the rule.

Genesis History: Biology

Devin Anderson PhD microbiologist speaks of what's inside dinosaur bones. There have been tissue with cells found in dinosaur fossils which are supposedly 80 millions of years old, but those should have broken down faster. Such tissue has been found in a triceratops, etc.

Note – Learn more about Mary Schweitzer's findings on dinosaur tissue at

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0-K7_H27Wq4

See the Creation Research Society



Soak a fossil in EDTA, the tissue remains; stretchable, pliable tissue. An even closer electron scanner shows extreme details of the cells. You would not expect such elaborate detail still intact if the sample was as old as many claim. The scientific community responded to this saying it was just bacteria or other things it could be, so those who originally published this tissue finding did more research and even found proteins. The controversy has been how to explain such. Some claim it means nothing because our other methods of dating say it's older. But this tissue is a method of dating. This challenges the entire dating process.



Time is the critical component for evolution; they claim to account for massive change of organisms with *time*.

Darwin first read about a millions of years-old earth, and made his theory to fit that paradigm; he didn't come up with the millions idea.

Note – similarly, people first hear about evolution theory, then go around looking for the missing links. They didn't find evidence then make the theory, it was backwards.

Evolution is a belief that enough change over time and enough time can account for every species coming from one thing; but there are major missing links in every species. A shark is a shark, and there are variations of a shark, but even back in the fossil record you have sharks.

No one would agree that random mutations would result in a higher lifeform. The number of changes required to move from one species to another requires many changes at once.

Things do change over time, but they don't jump to different species. Several animals can be very similar within their group. Animals can have similar sets of genes, but the genes controlling the development of the embryo are very different in different species.

Look at computer programs; everything doesn't just come from a single symbol.

The 4th dimension is time; the genome changes shape over time; all 3 dimensions change in the 4th dimension. You can't build something like that one step at a time; there must be foresight, it can't be one letter at a time with natural selection. Animals were **created with the ability to change** and adapt to their environments, and we have mistaken that as evolution.



An ecosystem comes crashing down without all factors being present; remove just a few factors, and it collapses. If you have 'missing links,' you can't have a complete genome.

Each kind of animal descended from a master form which was on the ark of Noah. God didn't just build a cat; he built an animal from which a variety of cats could come. Diversity of today is built into the kind. (But not every kind came from a single common ancestor.)

Natural selection can't generate all diversity we see; natural selection does fine tuning, but it doesn't account for all the variety. Selection takes a variation and turns it into a local adaptation. An

exquisite design in the beginning built into the system of an animal the ability to adapt to different climates to an extent. Each kind has its own tree of variation. Therefore, the Genesis paradigm embraces both similarity and difference.

Note - Natural selection evolution is inherently atheistic by definition. It's natural, not supernatural. The whole point is an attempt to do away with God and purpose. What we are learning in cutting edge science is that it simply can't be done without supernatural means. Design is inherent and plainly evident.

There are discontinuities between humans and non-humans. Neanderthals are a variety of human. There are a large variety of humans like how there are a large variety of dogs. But there are discontinuities between humans and non-humans. Apes for example are very different from humans, there are large discontinuities.

Genesis History: Astronomy

See Danny Faulkner PhD astronomer.

Eclipses are spectacular and rare; these are part of a design for signs as the scriptures say.

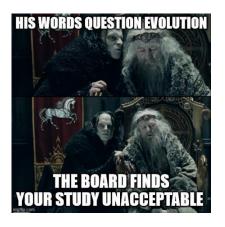
Scripture said let the earth bring forth plants; it could have been rapid creation, the "bring forth" suggests that. It may have appeared like a time lapse taking place in regular time. This could be why we see light from distant galaxies. (The ideas on light having traveled billions of light-years from distant galaxies to reach us is a fabrication to hold up their theory of deep time.)

If spiral galaxies were so old, why would they still appear spiraled? They would have come together.

The Big Bang Theory is far from being universally accepted by scientists. Some claim Big Bang can be compatible with the Bible, but those are people who attempt to wed Genesis with our current paradigm. We should interpret the world in terms of Genesis, not the other way around.

Note - At BYU the evolutionary biologists terrifyingly claim that they seek to reconcile religious FAITH with scientific FACT! This of course is typical of all Christian evolutionists and thinking in general these days. Religion gets the back seat on the bus.

Genesis History: History



Douglas Petrovich PhD archeologist shows biblical events unfolding in the East at Mesopotamia. He speaks of language popping up out of nowhere, and great diversity in grammar forms of language to language even in ancient languages. (I recall in my Egyptology class we spoke of the oldest language records going back only to about 4000 BC).

Our bodies are set up for the timing of a day as evident by our sleep cycles, our work cycles, etc. The timing of the day was set up in Genesis.



If you remove a literal Adam and Eve, you greatly alter human history and it becomes open to lots of interpretation about relationships, the character of gender, sexuality, marriage, etc.

We understand the life of Christ as recorded in the Bible being historical events; why do we think that the Old Testament would not be historical events? We are constantly bombarded with the message that we must adjust our views. The entire Bible refers to all the characters of Genesis. The entire Bible is refuted if you throw out the original characters and major events of Genesis. Throw out the first few chapters of the Bible, and you must throw out the whole thing. History anchors all the other disciplines. It tells us what happened, then science attempts to answer how those events of history happened, the mechanics of those events. If you reverse that and have science say what happened, you get a constantly shifting

world view, and moral relativism is the necessary outcome. God has given us the bedrock to build on by giving us the Bible. Nothing in the world makes sense except in the light of Genesis!

Scientific Creationism by Henry Morris – Book Highlights & Commentary

This is a flagship creation science volume, and my notes here only scratch the surface on a few principles from the text. I don't agree with all his claims but will point out here many fascinating findings.

Introductory Chapters (1-3)

Modern science asks the wrong questions.

The fact that we have energy from the Sun is one thing but they can't answer how that energy would have made evolution happen. Recombination does not result in new, it's only changing around what's already there.

If someone did develop a wing or an eye it wouldn't be helpful, it would even be dangerous, and natural selection would not favor its continuance.

Darwin said the thought of how natural selection could make the eye made him ill as in he didn't think it was possible.

But he needed it to be.

There are many predictions which creation model makes which actually work, and many times things in evolution model cannot be predicted.

Mutations are rare, not common. And good mutations are extremely rare. Accidental occurrences are expected to be harmful.

Today's species are dying out not being created, so if the present is the key to the past, how do you have evolution?

Ch. 4 Accident or Plan?

A simple probability study shows the absolute impossibility of Earth and life being formed by chance.

Natural selection supposedly turns impossibilities into possibilities.

The creation model predicts that different species would be designed with similar features for similar functions, and different features for different functions. But the evolution model has a problem, namely why are cats and dogs so different if they both evolve from the same thing? If evolution were true, there would be many different kinds of part cat part dog creatures and you wouldn't be able to tell where the cat ended and where the dog began with all these species.

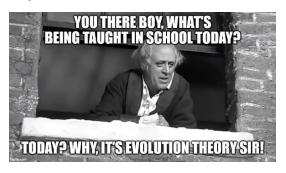
Seemingly similar structures in different kinds of animals and humans which are used as supposed evidence for evolution are actually better evidence for creation. For starters, the distinctions between these bone groups are arbitrarily made by us.

Morphology, similar hand structures etc., this

only shows our ability to classify. It favors the creation model because not only are there similarities but there are gaps and distinct differences between species. In the evolution model you would have extremely similar species, you wouldn't be able to tell where the one started and the other ended.

Embryology proves common design. It's normal that features look similar in the beginning as various life forms have similar features like heads and limbs, and they're in a similar environment. But then they specialize into their distinct species. The differences show up fairly early and these differences attest to creation, not evolution.

There are some similarities in DNA between different living things, but the important thing is that they are different.



DNA is a plain witness to creation because DNA only allows for one thing to turn into that specific

thing. DNA puts definite limits on how much a species can adapt.

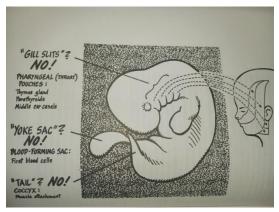
There are similar behaviors in some living things, but the important point is that there are significant differences in behaviors.

Some animals greatly confuse evolutionists because they look like two very different kinds of animals like the whale being a mammal shaped like a fish and the independent development of wings for bats, wings for birds, wings for insects, that all of these came from a common ancestor and independently developed wings is bizarre.

Supposedly vestigial organs which we thought had no use for which evolutionists said were from evolving away from needing are now being found to have uses. The appendix etc. all these that used to be thought of as being useless they are finding the uses for. Just because the scientists weren't aware of their function doesn't mean they had none.

Human embryos never at any time develop skills or gill slits. It also has no tail or fins and never is a fish. It does develop pouches which become various glands; the pouches are guides for developing blood vessels and are not useless. The recapitulation theory that humans are first fishes

in embryo then turn into humans used to be popular and evolutionists now are having to admit that it doesn't work.



(Image: Science vs Evolution p.698 by Vance Ferrel, EvolutionFacts.com)

The same kind of gaps exist in the fossil record as they do for present-day plants and animals. The fossil record shows clear-cut categories, not a horizontal continuum of transitional species.

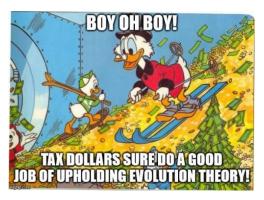
The "species" level of classification is all that we can genuinely differentiate; there are clear and obvious gaps between species. Higher levels of supposed organization like "family," "class" etc. are arbitrary as you can't prove them. We don't find transitional fossils that would fit into the "class" or "order" category. The gaps between species are permanent, you're never going to find

them.

There's no transitional fossil between a vertebrate and its supposed invertebrate ancestor. These two types of animals were created separately.

He speaks of a fish they thought was extinct but they found it in the Caribbean, it was embarrassing, it was a fish that supposedly had some amphibian features but here it is today and it has not become an amphibian, it's still a fish and it hasn't changed over the supposedly 100 million years from the fossil of it.

The catfish the lungfish and the walking fish were all thought to possibly be transitional, but even the evolutionists now agree that they do not qualify as transitional for various reasons.



The fact that a fossil may be hard to tell whether it was a reptile or a mammal is not evidence of it being a transitional fossil, these animals merely have similar features on the bone level.

He quotes a scientist who says there is a universal absence of transitional fossils.

Archeopteryx is not part reptile at all, it is 100% bird. It is a feathered warm-blooded animal. Whether it's birds mammals fishes or reptiles, some have teeth and some don't. The fact that archeopteryx has teeth does not indicate that it is part reptile part mammal.

Ancient fossils are often a bigger version but the same structure as the modern animal.

There are no transitional fossils for birds, no transitional fossils for insects, the list goes on and on for every type of animal.

There is no evidence for punctuated equilibrium (the idea that sudden changes occurred followed by long periods of no changing).

Ch. 5 Uniformism or Catastrophism?

He covers many rock formations continent wide which aren't forming today, and must have been from catastrophic volcanism and continent wide flooding to spread the material.

If the present is key to the past it should be obvious that all of the fossil life lived at the same time; today we have birds mammals reptiles humans single-celled organisms, all of us at the same time, and so it was for the past animals.

There is no worldwide unconformity, you can't determine where one age begins and the other ends; they use "para-conformities" which means no visible difference in the geologic layers but only a difference in fossils; but further analysis has shown that there is no way to tell by fossils of one age beginning and another ending. The record is continuous!

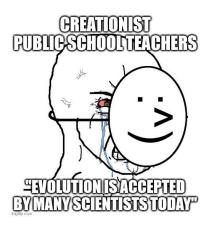
Invertebrates are at the bottom of the fossil layers because that's where they live, at the lower altitudes.

Humans have always lived separate from starfish and other types of animals, that's why their

fossils aren't found together.

More spherical animals would settle lower because they have less drag in the flood water.

They tried to explain away dinosaur fossil prints next to human fossil prints by saying there was some kind of dinosaur with human shaped feet, which there is of course no evidence for.



Geologists are beginning to admit that geologic formations can best be explained by sudden catastrophic events, and they say there are long amounts of time between these events (punctuated equilibrium), but the only reason for claiming the long amounts of time between events is evolution theory!

Ch. 6 Old or Young: How to Date a Rock



The geologic time scale was made before radiometric dating and radiometric dating is so unreliable that it gives dramatically different dates; they throw out dates which don't match the pre-determined ages.

Note - One professor admitted the selective use of favored radiometric dates in the scientific community when he said, "If a C-14 date supports our theories, we put it in the main text. If it does not entirely contradict them, we put it in a footnote. And if it is completely 'out-of-date,' we just drop it." (*T. Save-Soderbergh and *Ingrid U. Olsson, "C-14 Dating and Egyptian Chronology," Radiocarbon Variations and Absolute Chronology, ed. *Ingrid U. Olsson (1970), p. 35 [also in *Pensee, 3(1): 44].)

Note - Another researcher admitted just how many unapproved radiometric dates they throw out when he said, "It may come as a shock to some, but fewer than 50 percent of the radiocarbon dates from geological and archaeological samples in northeastern North America have been adopted as 'acceptable' by investigators." (*J. Ogden III, "The Use and Abuse of Radiocarbon," in Annals of the New York Academy of Science, Vol. 288, 1977, pp.167-173.)

God's chief purpose is to create and help man, so God wouldn't waste untold eons of time caring for evolutionary developments without man.

Note- of course evolution suggests that God wasn't involved at all. One wonders what God was doing.

You can't know the components in a system in ancient times. No system is closed. A closed system is just a theoretical idea to simplify things. Since real nature is not a closed system it can be influenced by external variables fluctuating.

You cannot ascertain that the decay rate was constant.

All these flawed assumptions in today's dating methods prove them unreliable. Furthermore, they only accept dating methods which yield long eons of time, and actively reject other methods.

Some of the daughter component may have been initially created at the same time as the parent component.

There are many ways daughter products could be incorporated into the systems when first formed.

No process rate is unchangeable in nature. Many factors influence process rates, and these factors can change. Rates are at best only statistical averages, not deterministic absolutes.

He discusses the unreliability of uranium potassium etc. in dating. Lead vaporization and free neutrons etc. indicate that the lead ages, which are typically the oldest ages, could indicate nothing whatsoever about age.

Modern formations of lava rocks are dated to be millions of years old. When Rock melts it's supposed to reset the clock. Uranium aging on rocks of known ages is incorrect, so why should we trust uranium aging of rocks of unknown ages?

We accept the potassium dates which most closely resemble the uranium dates, but the uranium dates themselves are unreliable.

The change in argon is from the environment, not the decaying process. Environmental fluid and gaseous argon at the time of lava flow being incorporated into the igneous rock can account for the argon levels rather than supposed to decay rates.

Continental drift rates are also based on potassium argon dating of rocks on the seafloor, and are therefore flawed.

Rubidium strontium dating is also measured by uranium dating, so bad uranium methods make these unreliable too.

Rubidium strontium can easily be leached out and there are other obvious flaws.

Oldest writings are only 4,000 to 6,000 years old.

Note- my BYU Egyptologist professor John Gee told us that the oldest written records in existence only go back to around 4,000 BC! This of course fits the Bible's timeframe perfectly.



There is no substantial evidence that helium-4 can or does escape through the atmosphere in substantial amounts, therefore we are left with the current amount by which we can determine that the Earth is

quite young.

Helium-4 is probably entering our atmosphere from the sun's Corona. This maximizes the age of our atmosphere at 1.75x10⁵ years given a starting of zero helium in the atmosphere.

He discusses the amount of nickel on Earth limiting the Earth's age to a few thousand years, like 9,000.

Small amounts of ocean metal precipitation limit the Earth's age to several thousand years.

Dating based on the magnetic sphere limits Earth's age to around 6,000-10,000 years.

The processes most likely to be uniform would have occurred over a short amount of time and on a worldwide level; this makes something like dating via the magnetic sphere much more reliable than argon potassium.

Processes at a constant uniformitarian rate date the Earth as very young, and you can only get rid of those if you get rid of the other uniformitarian processes they use to claim Earth is old.

There are many more processes that give young ages for Earth than processes which give old ages, and the processes that give old ages can even better be interpreted by young ages. Living mollusks have a carbon date of 23,000 years old which indicates that there's some kind of carbon exchange taking place before death, and this goes directly against carbon dating assumptions. This makes the radiocarbon date much too big.

It has been demonstrated that carbon-14 decay rates could have varied in the past.

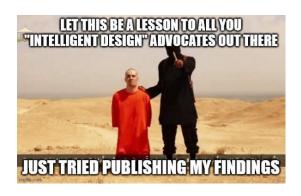


The amount of natural carbon could have been different in the past, which would have altered the decay ratio. If there was a significant **difference in the amount of vegetation** and or the amount of volcanic carbon emissions in the past it would dramatically change the carbon dates. Vast coal deposits around the world attest to the point that they're used to be much more vegetation.

Population statistics support that humans have been on Earth for only a few thousand years, not upwards of a million as Evolution says. Even allowing for wars etc. the number of people that would likely be on earth if people had been here for upwards of a million years is absurdly high. To make Evolution work you must make major modifications to basic population statistics, but the creation model fits the data correctly without such major modifications. If so, many people had lived on the earth for so long there would be much more of a fossil record of it also.

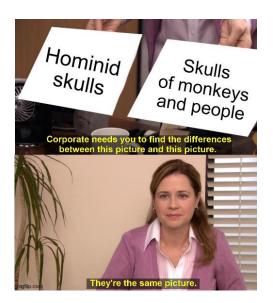
Gravitational energy from the sun's inward collapsing process could be much more likely the cause of solar energy. In 1979 it was confirmed that the sun is shrinking and calculated that the sun must be quite young. What we know about the sun size and change of shape indicates that it would have been twice in size not long ago, which would have annihilated Earth.

Polonium halos in rocks indicate their near instant creation!



Ch. 7 Apes or Man

When they find skeletons of slightly different sized skulls or teeth, they are quick to claim it as a hominid. Different teeth just mean different diet or habitat. Further, rickets arthritis poor diet and other medical conditions can make skeletons look different. There is significant variation in people and in monkeys; some are big, some small, etc., and this in no way is evidence of intermediate species between animals and humans.



They're finding full human skeletons in locations dated before the supposed hominids.

If all people came from a common ancestor they would have had the same language, so why would they split up so much as to cause different races? The language barrier is the main thing that keeps different races from intermarrying.

Language is an unbridgeable gulf between man and animals, our ability to communicate abstract thought. The oldest language we know is already modern sophisticated and complete.

Some animals have instinctive language but it's not language which involves learning new things and passing it on to the next generation. When animals learn how to do new things it is not transmitted to their progeny, only man has this ability, as growing civilizations attest.

Yes there are people who have lived in caves and yes, they have used stone tools, but this is not a sign of evolutionary development. There are still people doing that today, there always have been.



When the oldest cultures of an area seem to be the stone age type, this is because when people first migrated there, they were using the tools they already had, and it wasn't until they found ore bodies that they could begin mining, smelting, and resuming all their industry. Particularly after the flood you have people migrating to new areas.

He goes over many predictions of the creation model which are supported by archeology geology biology etc. but that are not supported by evolution.

The expected dates of the earliest civilization should be around 4000 BC, the only claim for older civilizations are based on radiocarbon dates.

Dendrochronology (tree ring dating) is unreliable because frequently two or more growth periods occur in the same year.

Note – but even the oldest trees aren't very old, around 10,000 years, which particularly works with the 1000-year day model as several scriptures indicate, though that model is not popular among most creationists.

Recently a human skull bone was found in Africa in a soil layer that was supposed to be over 2 billion years old.

It is an objective fact that humans are moral religious beings and animals are not.

Evolution has its own system of ethics values and ultimate meanings which makes it a religion, which makes teaching of it in public schools indoctrination. The American Humanist Association officially recognizes Evolution as a religion.

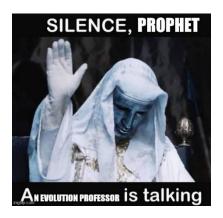
Note – if religions are going to be taught in schools, and they could be, they should be recognized, not hidden.

All of the supposed evidence for human evolution can fit inside a single coffin. He goes over the various hominid claims which were proven false.

Note – since the time of his book they've come up with more claims, but they're just claims. They'll always come up with something or other to uphold their theory, which is another indication we aren't dealing with objective observation when it comes to evolutionary theory.

Ch. 8 Creation According to Scripture

It is now known that early man was a highly specialized technologist in many fields. There's no reason why not to believe that man could read and write from the beginning of his creation. People used to argue against the Bible claiming that people couldn't read and write back then, but now we know that's clearly false.



Jesus accepted the historicity and accuracy of Genesis. To reject Genesis is to reject Christ.

It is probable concerning the first five books attributed to Moses that the Book of Genesis was edited by Moses and that the other four were directly written by him. The Book of Genesis is never accredited to Moses in scripture, it is likely that the Book of Genesis was written by the patriarchs of that time such as Adam Noah etc. The creation account would have either been directly written by God as were the ten commandments, or a direct Revelation from God. Either way, creation accounts in scripture give us information we could have had no other way since no mortal was there to witness it.

Note - he claims God created things from nothing, but the Latter-day Saints view creation as taking existing materials and organizing them by supernatural means.

WHO WOULD WIN?



Genesis 1:7 shows that the primordial world had waters above the firmament. The firmament overhead could have blocked radiation, allowing longer life.

Note – the firmament also could have modified the atmosphere giving a more favorable amount of oxygen, etc.

Note – evolutionists have no answer for why Adam and other ancients had significantly longer lifespans than we do today.

There would not have been fossils in the creation, that's a sign of death, which is a sign of evil. Death came into the world only with sin. God isn't responsible for death and suffering.

Note – great point. No death until the fall, so no fossils before the fall. I've also seen convincing evidence that most fossils were made in the catastrophic event of Noah's flood.

God's love is voluntary, and so must ours be. Involuntary love is a contradiction of terms.

Why energy is conserved, why entropy increases, these are explained in scripture. See his references on these.

All we see in this fallen world should remind us of our separation from God.

"After his kind" occurs 10 times in Genesis.

Scripture says, "All flesh is not the same flesh."

Claiming you can have biblical evolution is like claiming you can have Christian atheism.

God has all power; he can create without eons.

God's goal is man, why wait so long to create him?

Note - especially when we know he can procreate as much as anyone else. To say He can't is like saying the axe hefted itself, boasting that it didn't need the man (see Isaiah). Surely the creation doesn't have more power and ability than the Creator.



The Hebrew "Yom" usually means day, not time. "Olam" is the Hebrew word to indicate a long period of time. Evening and morning also are always used to mean a literal day.

Note – this is right, and limits us to our 24-hour days, or the 1000-year days God experiences, as indicated in multiple scriptures. Time is based on which planet you're on. Either model would be an excellent explanation for how this Earth was made.

Plants are made before the sun in the creation account of Genesis. For plant life to live without the sun is easy with days of creation just normal day lengths. Note - but another light source should work too. Either way, evolutionists are wrong in claiming that the sun HAD to be first.

The 6-day work week for us is identical to the work week of God. We are told to rest 1 in 7 as He does.

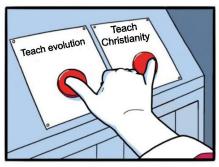
Morris goes over the many opposites of evolution and the Bible.

They say evolution must be true, so the earth must be old. They use this circular reasoning to reject ages which don't match the theory.

In Exodus 20 it says God created in 6 days and rested the 7th, he wouldn't need to rest if he merely said a few sentences. There's more to it than that.

Establishing flood geology is where creationists are attacked most, and if we establish this, evolution falls apart. (*Note – many books have done a great job at this.*)

The flood couldn't be local, to cover mt Ararat you'd need an egg-shaped dome of water there if it were only local.





Note – some claim there were no mountains before the flood, but some creation accounts do refer to mountains being formed in the beginning. It is true however that we don't know the size of these mountains, and mountain height could have dramatically changed during the flood. I believe there were tall mountains before the flood, and that flood waters were five miles high. This was a monumental event beyond our comprehension. Several experiments have been conducted to demonstrate this fact, establishing that in these conditions of pressure bones would be easily turned virtually instantly into

rock. See Universal Model 2 for details on those experiments.

Scripture says there was no rain before flood.

God's promise to never again send a flood would be broken repeatedly if it was only a local flood.

If the Bible is true at all, you must reject the geological ages.

Note – the geological ages were made in a direct attempt to overthrow the Bible. When we understand this, it becomes increasingly silly to try and mesh the two narratives. We aren't waiting around for natural selection and random mutations, and therefore the calculations of evolutionists are complete garbage!

God created darkness, that's how it starts.

Writing off Genesis 1-11 as not history and not scientific destroys the whole Bible.

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<u>Darwin's Black Box by Biochemist</u> <u>Michael Behe – Book Highlights & Commentary</u>



Introductory Note: This was an excellent book demonstrating the complexity of biological systems, and how absurd it would be to believe that they evolved by chance natural selection. Biological organisms were clearly created. They are far more complex that cars, and no one would claim the car evolved by natural selection. My notes and commentary on this work represent a very small portion of ideas from the book, and are put forth in my own words.

Also check out Behe's video course on Intelligent Design & Evolution: <u>Course | Michael J. Behe</u> (michaelbehe.com)

Note - the author starts off the book saying that he's ready to accept a very old Earth. This of course is a critical flaw in his analysis, but there is some diversity of opinion among the research that clearly establishes the flaws of evolutionary theory.

Ch.'s 1-2 The Box is Opened

Darwin could not see microbiology; he knew that the eye was for seeing, but he did not know how it saw; he did not have answers to these questions. **The cell is Darwin's Black box.** He had no clue how it worked.

Here is a brilliant analogy of what evolutionists

claim with their millions of years of evolution from a common ancestor, of which there is no evidence. If your friend says he jumped over a couple of feet you believe him. If he says he jumped across 10 or 15 ft you are skeptical and surprised. If he says he jumped across the Grand Canyon, you don't believe him. Then he claims that it took him years to do it, and that there were buttes which he stood on in the canyon, which took a long time to appear, and which went away quickly after he had jumped. It's absurd. Someone who claims that they made many small jumps to get across a large chasm in the past but that the things that jumped on are no longer there is very hard to believe. (Note truly evolution is a system of belief, aka faith.) Evolution makes huge leaps for which there is no evidence. There are unbridgeable chasms even at the smallest levels of life.

Darwin had to convince people that complex organisms could be made slowly.

Vision was a black box for Darwin. He and his contemporaries had no clue how it worked. What he thought was simple is extremely complex, involving many proteins enzymes etc.; multiple systems going at once. These aren't just leap to leap, these are huge distances.

Darwinism explains micro evolution well (like the change in a bird's beak length over generations), but it is a farce to use this to explain the origins of life, the origins of species (like humans coming from sponges), the main thing that Darwin was getting at.

Little kids think a box can be an airplane (think Calvin & Hobbes) because they don't know how the airplane works. There are scientists now taking a similar approach about evolution and the origin of life!

Scientists used to think that cultures growing in a liquid could spontaneously generate because the flies appeared to spontaneously appear on meat. The key problem was to think that the flies and the cultures were extremely simple. A similar problem exists with the evolution of complex organs like the human eye. Darwin made it seem very simple, but it is not.

Neo-Darwinism was made by various sciences getting together and deciding what to do with evolution theory. This all came out before biochemistry. Now that we have biochemistry Neo-Darwinism must be revisited as biochemistry debunks it.

Darwinism is becoming less popular within and 288

without of the scientific community due to many questions the theory cannot answer. Scientists admit that the theoretical framework and evidence for Neo-Darwinism is weak

There appears to have been a biological 'Big Bang,' many species coming on scene at once.

Note: the "Cambrian Explosion" in the fossil record of advanced lifeforms appearing is from the flood of Noah wiping out many animals and fossilizing them in a unique environment able to convert bone into rock, something that isn't happening today.

Mathematicians insist that even with current dates of how old the Earth might be, that's not nearly enough time for claimed evolutionary changes in species.

Evolutionists are upset that

- 1. There are no transitional forms and
- 2. That species have different but very definite limits as to how much they can change and
- 3. That systems appear suddenly and
- 4. That natural selection cannot account for the diversity of life etc.

There have always been well-informed respected scientists who find Darwinism to be inadequate.

Most scientists will say they believe Darwinism, but they believe it based on authority, based on what others have said.

Scientists are afraid to debate natural selection, which fear is ironically unscientific. True science doesn't fear scrutiny challenge and debate.

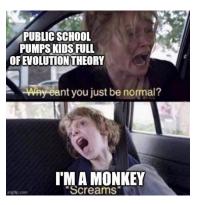
When Richard Dawkins (arch evolutionist) tries to support the evolutionist view of the bombardier beetle evolving, he fails to explain how all those chambers, muscles, etc. would have evolved gradually. Many of the parts aren't necessary for the system and wouldn't have just shown up by and by. Even if you come up with a story of what might be beneficial here and there and how it might evolve, it still fails to explain the details of the extremely complex processes that would need to take place for such a story to come about. All they can say is that it might happen. That's not very scientific.

Richard Dawkins talks about the eye and explains it as a series of complex systems coming together. He never explains how those complex systems came to be in the first place. It's like saying a stereo is made from putting together an amplifier and a CD reader etc. without explaining how those parts first came to be and how they

were assembled. Evolutionists use dramatic oversimplification to make it seem more plausible for something to have happened by chance.

These explanations given by Dawkins are extremely simple and do not justly describe how these things came to be. They are illogical assumptions that everything would be just right by chance. (*Note – it's all conjecture and supposition.*)

There are "irreducibly complex" systems which have no use until everything is in place. Natural selection can only choose systems that are already working.



You can make the case that multiple complex systems evolved at the same time just in time for

a complex organism who needs all those multiple systems to live, but this is an empty argument; you might as well argue that the Earth popped into existence yesterday by chance.

Evolutionists submit that evolution isn't always gradual, but they say it has to be gradual when explaining complex apparently designed objects like eyes because without gradual, all you have is miracle. You can't have it both ways!



A mutation can change one step of instruction such as 'place the legs on the head rather than on the abdomen,' but a mutation can't change the entire instructions such as 'instead of build a fax machine, build a radio.'

There are tens of thousands of different molecules involved with things like the eye and the bombardier beetle; you can't say that you know those all just evolved and came together. It is speculation, it is belief.

To debate about whether such evolution could randomly occur is like 19th century scientists debating about butterflies being able to spontaneously generate out of meat. Again, we simplify too much. And as we see the increasing complexity of these systems, the idea of random evolution to create them becomes less and less likely.

A mousetrap is an example of an irreducibly complex system; without all the parts there it doesn't catch any mice. Not only do you need to have all parts present at once, but all the parts need to be fine-tuned with just the right amount of spring, just the right positions, etc. An irreducibly complex system is assembled all at once.

Just because a bike is a precursor to a motorcycle doesn't mean the bike turned into the motorcycle. Biological evolution is limited to slight modifications and there's nothing about a bike that you can slightly modify into an engine or fuel tank. Natural selection in a bicycle manufacturing plant cannot produce a motorcycle. There is no example in history of major biological changes.

Note- there is the supposed Cambrian explosion

but that is merely the fact that many fossils appeared seemingly out of nowhere; it's certainly not step by step proof of evolution. The reality of the Cambrian explosion (or other mass extinction claims) was the flood of Noah which brought about special conditions to fossilize many animals which in other conditions would have simply decayed.

In order to understand the barriers to evolution you must understand the complexity of biological systems.

Part 2 – Examining the Contents of the Box (Ch. 3-7)

\((This is where the complicated stuff is, and I won't attempt to give many notes here.)

Ch. 3 Flagella

Cells are run by molecular machines.

We make machines which efficiently do tasks, but in biology, if there is a microscopic machine doing a simple task efficiently, if that had to evolve, it would have had to learn that task too.

What something is made of and how it works are two different things, which are both extremely complex.

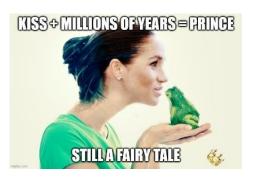
Evolutionists have very creative minds, they can come up with stories to explain evolution of anything, but they're just stories!

While modification goes on, systems are non-working.

The evolutionary literature explaining how these complex things would come to be is severely lacking. Further, the papers disagree with each other on the roads that would be taken, etc. They don't take into account mechanical details; they just make big generalizations.

Nobody knows how the flagella evolved. No research accounts for it etc. Some 40 different proteins are involved. It's the same for the cilia wherein some 200 different proteins are involved.

Cartoons show extremely complex systems going through a series of events to set off a single trap, it's humorous because everything must work exactly right to get the trap to go off - if one part of the whole sequence didn't work, the trap would fail. This is like evolution and it's laughable. In biology there really are very complex systems which have an end function which is very specific, and it cannot be accounted for by evolution.



Note- it's like the old Paley's pocket watch in the desert analogy. If you find a pocket watch in the middle of the desert, do you conclude that it was put there by someone who owned purchased or created it, or do you conclude that it evolved randomly?

Ch. 4 Blood

Blood clotting is a very complex system of many interconnected parts. It has to form only when and where it is required or the whole system clots and dies. No one on earth has any idea how the coagulation current came to be.

Ch. 5-7 From Here to There; A Dangerous World; Roadkill

Each tiny little step in evolution has such small odds that it's utterly ridiculous to consider it. It's not just a small chance that one thing would evolve into another thing, it's a small chance that a very small part of the evolution would happen. And when we talk small, we mean infinitely small odds, making this more of a fairy tale storybook than science.

Natural selection only works if there's something useful already there to select from. Necessary proteins wouldn't just appear with nothing to do until other stuff arrived.

If one thing goes wrong in a whole delivery the package will not reach its destination and it may

as well have never been sent.

Extremely complex processes take place billions of times a day in the cells of our bodies. Science is stranger than fiction. It cannot be accounted for by random evolution no matter how much time you give.

Note- Whenever we prove Darwin's macroevolution theory wrong, they just expand the age to an older and older Earth and universe. They can only play this game for so long; Darwinism is truly on its way out.

We see many irreducibly complex systems working together in even bigger irreducibly complex systems, and the mathematicians have said repeatedly that the current age allowed for the Earth and universe is not nearly enough for these things to happen randomly; they would need to be at least billions and billions and billions and billions and billions and billions times billions and billions and billions and billions and billions of years older to give the remote chance. But as we can see this is nonsense, you can't just sit around and take seriously a theory that requires so small odds. The smacking obvious answer is that the Earth and universe were designed by a designer! You just can't get around that.

Irreducibly complex systems are all or nothing, you can't just add one part now and later add another part, or the system doesn't work.

You can't say that some parts of the cell were used for other functions before they were used in their current functions. It would leave a very lousy cell that would not sustain life. A single flaw in the cell's process pathway and you die. If cells evolved as incomplete structures our ancestors would have died too.

There's no literature on the evolution of vesicles and many other topics in the evolution of microbiology.

Part 3 What Does the Box Tell Us (Ch. 8-11)

Ch. 8-10 Publish or Perish; Intelligent Design; Questions about Design

The chemical soup life experiments failed miserably. Much guidance was given, and no

complete life was made, etc.

There isn't a single book or article in scientific literature explaining the microbiological evolution. There are books and papers which say sequences but none of them say how those sequences came to be.

With a combination lock, if you keep trying different combinations, perhaps you eventually get half the letters right; this is not progress, you still can't open the lock, life can't reproduce to the next generation the "lock" fails. If the code is "Mary had a little lamb," the random choices with lots of time would just as soon spell out "Let's go to the park" or some other random sentence; the direction of the evolution wouldn't be aimed at or kept. No one is there to say which letters should be held to produce the correct sentence.

Some say that if there is a Designer why isn't nature more perfectly designed, but this is not the point of science. The point of science is to see whether design is obvious. We cannot guess the psychology of the designer as to why certain systems would be imperfect.

Note- of course sin results in damaged systems - ever since the fall of Adam our bodies have been

fallen and broken, tending toward decay and death; and when this life is viewed as a probation/test to see how we respond to weakness, it is better understood why systems are intentionally imperfect.

Vestigial organs which have no apparent use are claimed to be by-products of trial-and-error evolution from past species, however these supposedly useless organs turn out to be extremely important in immunity etc. Just because we don't know why something is there doesn't mean it's useless.

Once design is taken seriously by scientists, academic literature will be much more rigorous, require much more hard data, and tolerate much less storytelling.

The author says there's a possibility of old earth with intelligent design.

Note- True, but I don't see a need for it, old earth was specifically theorized to get rid of a creator and add time for random/natural mutation. Evidence is piling up against old earth theory.

Ch. 11 Science Philosophy and Religion

The discovery that life was made by intelligent design is one of the single greatest discoveries of all science.

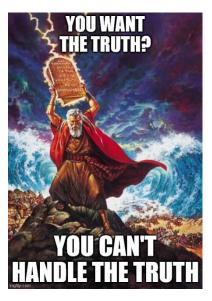
About 90% of Americans believe in God and about half attend religious services regularly. The army employs chaplains. Businesses and sport teams gather for prayers. As a country we honor people like Martin Luther King whose actions were deeply rooted in a belief in God.

The 1925 John Scopes trial involved Scopes, a teacher who volunteered to be arrested for a law to not teach about the Creator in science. There's a movie about it called "Inherit the Wind" (1960).

Note-Inherit the Wind makes the preachers and creationists look like idiots, and the evolutionists to be the only ones with level heads and sense. The creationists don't even try to use any scientific evidence, so the evolutionists simply take the side of "science," and claim that the religious are in the way of all science. They think all evolutionists must do to refute creationism is

to simply poke at supposed errors of the Bible. That Darwinism is scientifically impossible was completely avoided.

One man who performed many science experiments was going to be hired but was asked in the interview if he believed in evolution. He said no, he believed in the biblical account of creation, and for this he was not hired.



Science these days is less of a pursuit for truth and more of a game played by the rule that the supernatural can never be invoked. Professional scientists in university accept this rule even when they privately believe in God, as most of the population does. A Designer can't be put in a test tube but neither can extinct (supposed and missing) common ancestors. We can see the lingering effects of a designer (just like how they claim to see lingering effects of the missing common ancestor).

Note – it seems the missing common ancestor is their god. All hail the invisible sponge king!

Scientists try to place the origin of all life in the universe in a tiny box, but it cannot be done.

Evolutionists want to force parents to teach children evolution.

Note- one way they are accomplishing this is by putting more and more restrictions on homeschooling. Use this freedom while you still have it. Fear God, not man.

The fear that science with supernatural conclusions would ruin science is not founded.

It is not a strange conclusion that life was designed by an intelligent agent; rather that is the obvious and natural conclusion.

Afterward

Over the past decade since the book this book was originally published we have learned much more about microbiology, how things are even more complex, and this strengthens the case of intelligent design.

Some say that these irreducibly complex systems could be used for other things as they break into simpler machines, but this is devolution not evolution.

The author never said that parts of the irreducibly complex system couldn't be used for something else. He said the removal of one part causes the whole system to stop functioning; it doesn't necessarily cause the individual parts to stop functioning.

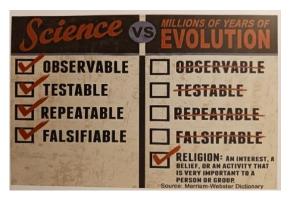
Mouse traps weren't made by a handful of toothpicks getting together and deciding to be a mousetrap.

You might as well assume that half of your car's transmission will jump out of your airbag. Essential components don't happily come out of accessories.

Richard Dawkins said biology is the study of living things that *appear* to have been designed. Thus we see that **even to the diehard Darwinists design is evident. It's not just some conclusion we draw when we can't think of anything else.** It's what we conclude when we get in touch with our inner ingenuity. Any engineer can pick out something that's been designed for a purpose and he can usually pick out the purpose by looking at the structure of the objects.

The difficult thing would be to make the claim that random evolution is responsible for these things.

The burden of proof is on the one who denies what he can plainly see with his eyes. In the absence of an explanation, we are rationally justified to assume complex things like Mount Rushmore were designed, not just evolved.



[&]quot;All sciences begin with speculation, only

Darwinism ends with it." Authors promoting evolution acknowledge this, that their work is speculation.

Assertions that microscopic machines evolved are based in speculation, not calculations and experiments.

There are no detailed Darwinian accounts for the evolution of anything.



Darwin on Trial by Phillip E. Johnson - Book Highlights & Commentary

Ch. 1-4

The 1960 movie 'Inherit the Wind' made fun of creation science advocates, mocking people who didn't want evolution taught because of its atheistic themes. But what wasn't pointed out is that the person advocating evolution also advocated several bogus Neanderthal finds like 'Nebraska Man' who was like the tooth of a pig, which was said to be the tooth of a hominid monkey-man. The evolutionist argued using many falsehoods.

Just because we don't have the whole answer to replace evolution doesn't mean we can't point out how wrong evolution is.

Survival of the fittest is just a tautology saying that those who leave the most offspring leave the most offspring. It doesn't tell us anything.

Different types of eyes in the animal kingdom are not just examples of increasing complexity. There are over 40 different types of eyes. And 5% of an eye is not the same as 5% vision; only the complete eye gives any vision at all, and only with the proper receptor.

A program designed to scramble a book would not turn the book into a different language and it would not turn the book into a book on a different topic.

Opponents of Darwin were leading geologists and paleontologists; it wasn't just religious objection.

Opponents of Darwin such as George Cuvier were fossil experts who saw no gradual change but rather saw signs of various Extinctions and creations of new species.

Note - I do not see a necessity for the theory of multiple mass extinctions and multiple creations, it can all be easily accounted for in the catastrophic flood. Either way, the data doesn't support evolution.

Darwin said nature must have hidden the transitional forms!

Lots more study of the fossil record has been done since Darwin. Darwin relied on the claim that we haven't looked enough for transitional fossils, but today we know that new kinds of animals don't appear gradually, but suddenly.

Note - and by 'new' it could just mean different, as in placed down at a different level instead of a second creation. Fossils represent death. Again, either way, the key is that we don't see gradual forms, as evolution requires.

No intermediates are found in the fossil record. Evolutionists try to explain away the sudden changes in the fossil record without transitional fossils by saying that the new fossil must have evolved over a fast geological period of time, as in hundreds of thousands of years. They say, 'because Earth is so old we have all this time to work with.'

The Cambrian explosion is a major problem for evolutionists - nearly all the animals appear there without predecessors.

Note – some say the flood is a different extinction such as the Permian/Triassic with the Cambrian being the fall of Adam, but most the evidence I've seen points to the Cambrian as the flood. I have low confidence in claims of multiple mass extinctions, though there certainly have been multiple catastrophic events in human history.

Based on modern fossilization theory we should not have any soft tissues which fossilized yet we do have them. Note - the flood created the perfect setting for fossilization, making the fossil record one big testament of divine power and intervention.

Evolution calls for species to die out slowly and gradually. But this is not what we see, we see mass extinction. The record does not show gradual development; scientists are aware of this.

Stasis, a lack of change, is the norm in the fossil record. Evolutionists came up with punctuated equilibrium theory to try and explain the lack of transitional fossils by claiming there were semifast changes (within hundreds of thousands) which have not left behind fossil evidence. So here we have invisible evidence of evolution, awesome!

Scientists know that fossils don't work well for evolution, they are embarrassed of this and they're under tremendous pressure when publishing about fossils to somehow make them fit with evolution theory.

Note – I remember in one debate an evolutionist kept trying to get away from fossils. He said, 'we don't even need fossils anymore!' as he attempted to change the conversation to genetics, which of course has its own plethora of obvious problems for evolution. I'm also reminded of the famous evolutionary plant biologist who, when asked what the best evidence for evolution was, said, 'the

whale pelvis!' Apparently, nothing in his own field of study was compelling, and he had to turn to vague optimistic claims from another field. Of course, the whale pelvis is needed for reproduction and isn't vestigial at all.

Ch. 5 The 'Fact' of Evolution

Evolutionists use descent with modification to explain difficulties in classification.

Evolutionists insist that no matter how much evidence you give against evolution, nothing makes sense except for evolution.

Fossils do not show links between different species in the phylogenic tree.

Labs are unable to show the process of change from one species into another.

Recasting the theory as fact serves no purpose other than to protect it from falsification.

Darwinists point to microevolution and claim that such is evidence for major change between species though we have no mechanism for macroevolution (species change). It's never been shown and no fossil evidence for it exists. Note – you can't say 'well we haven't waited millions of years, so you don't know that macroevolution doesn't happen.' For one this is shifting the burden of proof, and for two a vague claim that something might happen in millions of years is inherently untestable and therefore inherently unscientific. Evolution should be classed with philosophy or religion, not science. Evolution wouldn't last long anywhere without tax funding and monopolistic control on other disciplines.

Google says there are three reasons why evolution is a fact. 1. **Microevolution**.

Note - Here they apply one process to something it has nothing to do with, like saying because I can jump on a pogo stick, that I should also be able to jump to the moon.

2. **Nature is imperfect** so it must not have been done by intelligence.

Note – here they assume the motives of the Creator. How do they know He isn't building in weakness into the system for a reason? Further, pointing out imperfections doesn't account for all the mind-boggling order in nature, allowing for life.

3. **Hominids** and mammals which are like reptiles.

Note – these claims are based on conjecture and minor differences in skeletons which are easily accounted for in variation of known species, etc.

Ch. 6 Invertebrate Sequence

Evolution says we've got to have animalistic ancestors, so we'll pick these ones because they're the best candidates. They are looking for ways to support their theory rather than questioning the theory (and comparing the theory to all the evidence nature provides).

Evolution theory said ancestors must be there, so they insist that something they find is in fact those ancestors.

There are claims about transitional fossils between amphibians and fish, but these are wild speculations. No explanation exists about how an amphibian could have developed reptilian reproduction based on Darwinian descent. The difference between a fossil mammal and a fossil reptile is very slim based on just a few jawbones and often it can go either way.

Note – only basing classification on bones is a fallacy often adopted by evolutionists. They would

tell you that my arm and my dog's arm are neigh indistinguishable!



If all mammals descended from a common animal the fossil record would show the transition, but it does not. So, evolutionists have put forth a theory of mammals having descended from multiple different preliminary creatures instead of one like Darwin said.

Note – arguments like this get shut down quickly, Darwinism falls apart when you start allowing multiple ancestors. In truth, God created many types of animals for this world.

The Archeopteryx fossil is a bird with teeth and claws which they claim as a transitional fossil between reptiles and birds. This is not necessarily evidence of a reptile becoming a bird, it may be like the modern platypus which has some features of one animal type and other features of another. Evolutionists do not know what necessary processes would have occurred to change from a

reptiles scales into birds feathers and bird's lungs, etc.

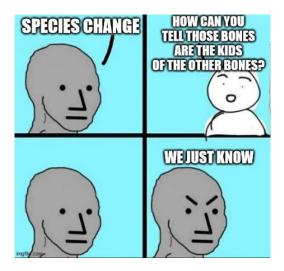
Note – there are also other birds which have teeth and claws. And more typical birds have been found in 'lower' geologic layers than Archeopteryx, leaving scientists to admit that they must look for the transitional fossil elsewhere.

Google originally published about 12 hominid species establishing the link between humans and monkeys later had had to reduce it to five.

Note – they like to claim all sorts of finds, but it's the same story of hoaxes and imaginative supposition.

The theory of evolution was accepted first, and later they came up with their supporting evidence for it of transitional humans. With their theory in hand evolutionists went hunting everywhere for the evidence to support it. The theory did not come from a bunch of transitional skeletons we didn't know what to do with, these transitional skeletons were **invented to support the pre-existing idea** that we needed them!

Public pressure to find the missing link between humans and monkeys was so great that there were lots of frauds. Piltdown man was one of these frauds that lasted for 40 years before it was detected because they kept it heavily guarded. We see what we expect to see unless we are extremely rigorous in checking our prejudice. Nebraska man was another known fraud.



Note – there are two types of hominids. Known frauds, and undetected frauds.

Many scientists doubt that there's much difference in the limited species between monkeys and humans and suggest these are actually the same species.

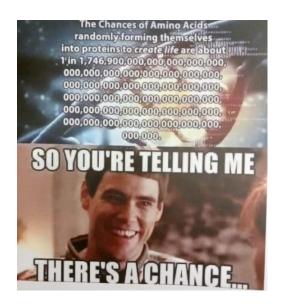
Genetic evidence of the mitochondrial eve shuts down a lot of hominid claims limiting them to a couple hundred thousand years.

Whales are very complex with lots of features which couldn't have evolved over time such as their ability to swim deep and their ability to use

sonar and their ability for the young to suckle without taking in water. Even the vestigial legs are a problem of great complexity which evolution has no answers for such as when and how they would have come.

Darwin conceded that fossil evidence weighs heavily against his theory and the same holds true today. This is why they avoid talking about fossils and try to focus on molecular evidence.

Ch. 7 The Molecular Evidence



Darwinists conveniently claim that all the transitional species **quickly died so we don't have evidence** of them existing.

Evolutionists do not insist that natural selection is the only method for speciation, but they are very vague about what else could have happened.

There are no transitional species between single cellular and multicellular life.

No explanation is given for the difference between apes and humans; no explanation for why they're different or how they became different. (*Note – no legitimate cohesive reasonable sufficiently-detailed explanation, at least.*)

There's no empirical evidence that transitional species link together any distance distance to a single ancestor, and no evidence this common ancestor existed.

If molecular change occurred, it must have been at clock-like intervals, not depending on environmental changes as evolution suggests.

Just because two molecular forms are different does not imply natural selection.

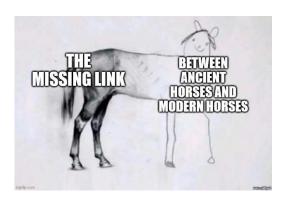


Change ACROSS species (speculative)

Change WITHIN species (demonstratable)

There's no evidence that natural selection has creative power. (Note – nature selects, it doesn't create new material to select from. It can show survival of the fittest, but not arrival of the fittest. Further, beneficial mutations are extremely rare and short-lived.)

Many scientists advocate that the molecular clock says humans evolved from a common ancestor in Africa less than 200,000 years ago. Many evolutionists don't like this because it rules out a lot of the hominid transitional species from an older time and other location.



We can't just look at molecular evolution because the molecules had to be housed in organisms which would have had to evolve along with the molecules.

The real mystery is how a simple thing could have turned into a complex thing.

Molecular information adds to the complexity showing that these are complex machinery requiring the cooperation of multiple parts to carry out their function.

Note – every field of science brings more complexity to the table and makes evolution that much more ridiculous.

The hemoglobin is so complex it's called the molecular lung.

The more complex molecular biology is the less likely there could have been mechanisms to transform one kind into another and time to do it. Note – this is why evolutionists are in the business of downplaying complexity, and lengthening timeframes.

Testing Darwinism by molecular evidence is never even attempted.

Ch. 8 Pre-biological Evolution

Pre-biological evolution refers to chemicals and how chemicals evolved.

When the Supreme Court **struck down**Louisiana's law that you must teach creation science in addition to evolution science, chief justice Scalia dissented because he knew that the people of Louisiana deserve to teach evidence which doesn't support evolution. (Note – Scalia wanted more academic freedom, less of a monopoly on science. He wanted science to point out the pros and cons of multiple theories. Too bad Scalia was the minority losing voice!)

When scientists use the word evolution, they're trying to say an explanation of everything from the Big Bang to the present without allowing any role for a creator (intelligent designer).

Note - evolution is multi-disciplinary, a spreading malicious cancer killing all truth.

The Miller Yuri experiment was about taking several amino acids and attempting to spark them into a protein, but this is flawed for multiple reasons, one of which is they already started out with the amino acids.

An organism forming from prebiotic soup is about as unlikely as a tornado going through a junkyard making an airplane. These microorganisms are more complex than a spaceship, yet we say they assembled by chance? No matter how much time you give, this is bizarre.

Maybe Earth is old

Maybe it randomly made life

Maybe species learned how to crossbreed past genetic limits

Humans must have come from monkeys

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The prokaryotic bacterial cell is much more complex than a spaceship.

'Chance assembly' is another way of saying miracle.

Materialists (who dominate modern science) insist that there cannot be any supernatural element in the creation of life.

Note – and no purpose allowed either. Jonathan Wells talks about the Smithsonian refusing to air a program on evolution which also suggested there may be some purpose in life. The evolutionists wildly protested the presentation and got it

canceled. Nothing but complete atheistic secular humanism satisfies them. They must dominate all scientific discussion and ban any who violate their arbitrary definitions of what is and isn't 'science.'

If life were so easy to make it would have happened many times in many places.

A popular theory is that the first RNA managed to synthesize itself from prebiotic soup, without proteins. Though this is conceivable it is not probable or experimentally verifiable. There are many creative theories about how the first life may have come into being, but none of them are experimentally verifiable.

Note – as Isaac Newton said, "A man may imagine things that are false, but he can only understand things that are true."

All theories are acceptable so long as none of them are creationism, in other words an intelligent agent creating something; they don't allow God to be involved in creation at any level or in any way.

Note – what if God is actually how the creation happened? What if all the evidence points to God? Now you can see how unscientific we become as we insist on these arbitrary parameters, and exclude the Truth (God) which nature points to.

Crick (one of the discoverers of DNA) and others recognize the extreme difficulty of creating life on Earth, especially within the parameters of time allotted, even though the time allotted is very long. These skeptical scientists speculate that life arrived here from some other place in space, microscopic life on an asteroid or something. That would mean this life would have to travel through space safely and remain alive.

Crick says there may have been an extra-terrestrial civilization who sent bacteria into space to start life on another planet. (Note – as I recall even Richard Dawkins accepts this possibility; he says alien life forms could have placed early life here. These ideas are much closer to the truth than cosmic and chemical evolution.)

Critics of the extra-terrestrial implant theory have issue with the invisibility of these extraterrestrials, but we also are working with invisible transitional hominid species.

When you must invoke invisible spacemen, it's time to admit that your theory of evolution doesn't work.

Ch. 9 The Rules of Science



Evolution has become **orthodox**, and no one dares stray from it. The fight in Louisiana to allow creation science to be taught in school, or rather to require it to be taught if evolution is taught, was struck down by people trying to uphold the orthodoxy of evolution and liberal religion, afraid of religious fanatics.

Note – ironically, their censorship of nonevolution friendly ideas has made them the new fanatics. (This concept of orthodoxy was from earlier in the book.)

They define science by whatever is accepted by the scientific community, meaning the official scientific community.

Science is supposed to be guided by natural law and testable with tentative conclusions which are falsifiable. They say creation science doesn't fit the criteria because it's not falsifiable or testable as it points to supernatural creation. But scientists study gravity, and they can't explain gravity by natural law.



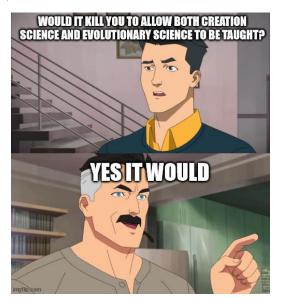
Note – just as gravity is a law which we observe yet don't fully understand, why not roll out the law of design? The law of creation? Sure, we don't understand it yet, but let's put a name to what we all are seeing rather than trying to pin it on something we aren't seeing.

Mainstream science says young Earth and the flood are false, but how can they say that if this science is unfalsifiable?

Creationists argue that Earth and life had to be designed regardless of how long it took or what way it was done. Then evolution has to answer why it's against the possibility that nature was designed. Evolutionists advocate naturalistic developments without purpose, no conscious purpose or direction. (*Note – it's a tall order defending that position!*)

The scientific community is clear in their advocacy that God was in no way involved in evolution.

Note – evolution is all about a theory of nature making itself. That's the whole point. Why Christians turn to this vomit for substantive truth is beyond me.



Naturalist scientists only believe in God when God is an abstract concept, uninvolved in nature.

Note – a perfect fit for the Devil's kingdom. Incomprehensible & useless. Those acquainted with the teachings of the restored gospel should be the first to object.

Scientific naturalism is espoused by the theory of evolution. Evolution requires naturalism and it says whatever can't be seen (detected by common methods) isn't real. Evolution uses (empirical) naturalism as the only way of finding truth.

Naturalism says all of nature is a closed system of cause and effects not influenced by anything outside.

Naturalism denies that a supernatural being could influence natural events such as evolution, or communicate with natural creatures such as ourselves.

Note – Evolution doesn't work even with the 'God used evolution' claim, and for many reasons. Evolution is a wasteful cruel process of trial and error. Evolution doesn't have God's signature in any way. There are so many better ways that God could have created. We must remember that removing God from the picture is the only reason evolutionary theory was designed in the first place.

The absence of a Creator is the <u>essential</u> starting point for Darwinism.

Empiricists are willing to dismiss any doctrine that doesn't match with their limited scientific evidence

Darwinism is not empirical! You can't observe creation by natural selection any more than you can observe creation by God. Natural selection exists but it's going really far out to say it has such creative power. The fossil record does not match the gradual changes that Darwinism implies. When it comes to explaining the origins of life and species, Darwinism is pure philosophy. If empiricism was the top goal, Darwinism would have been limited to observable microevolution with no important philosophical or theological implications.

They've typed up a bunch of rules about what science is that keep anyone from doing anything which isn't naturalistic, and they've declared that everything which is science is truth and everything which is not science is false.

In making these arbitrary rules scientists dismiss entire arguments from the onset and simply claim that advocates of these dissenting ideas don't understand how science works.

Note – modern science has become a good old boys club rather than an evidence-based institution.

In one moment, evolutionists say they don't deal with religion. In the next they make sweeping statements about the purpose of the cosmos.

When a **paradigm** is established, it serves as **a grand organizing principle.** The paradigm of evolution has become the **lens through which we view everything** and the way we study everything.

The problem of stasis in the fossil record was not described for a very long time because **Darwinists did not want to put it to print**. This is an example of how a certain paradigm can limit our understanding of nature.



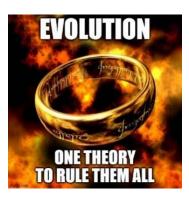
Naturalistic evolutionists don't bother with whether something is true or not, they only say it's the best way of describing things and may change in the future.

Note - in other words they deny our ability to discover laws of nature or that such even exist. They no longer are engaged in the pursuit of truth.

Since science (particularly evolutionary science) has the monopoly on knowledge, that now has to explain philosophical and theological questions.

They insist that this is not just their way of seeing things, it's the only way, and they're trying to convert everyone to it.

Note – long have the creationists made the modest request that both sides be taught. Evolutionists can't stand this idea.



Ch. 10 Darwinist Religion

Modern science claims that anything which can't be proven (particularly proven their way) is a mere superstition, a feeling. (*Note – an outdated crutch people are growing out of.*)

It is said that those who accept religion and science have to check (leave) their brains at the church door.

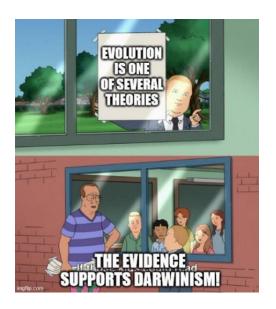
Note – must we check our faith at the school door? Neither option is acceptable.

Modern science is at war with creationism and demands absolute surrender.

An organization called ASA of Christian scientists wanted to claim that you can have it both ways with evolution and the Bible, and the science establishment came down hard on them for allowing any sort of God to be involved in any way, demanding that such involvement is unscientific.

The message of secular humanism advocated by John Dewey etc. is that **salvation is by science**. They see science as the answer to everything.

Secular philosophers praise evolution's ability to control the destiny of mankind.



Evolution isn't just a theory, it's a theory to which all other theories must bow. It is the light that illuminates all, is the god we must worship, it is taking us to heaven.

Note - The Book of Mormon describes the great abominable church of the devil as having dominion over all the Earth, and this does seem to fit the bill, particularly in light of its takeover of all other sciences, its self-declared tyranny over all methods of learning, and its forceful attempts to be the only voice allowed to answer questions of philosophy & theology.

Evolution is indoctrination, not education.

Ch. 11 Darwinist Education

Darwinism is deduced by logic, not experimental evidence.

Scientific theories are often related to social theories.

One exhibit said that Darwinism is one of several theories about the origin of Life etc. The evolutionists promptly got this taken down and replaced it with a sign that said the evidence supports Darwinism.



Policies avoid referring to evolution itself, rather they refer to 'science,' not wanting to admit that evolution is a special case of controversy.

Teachers and students are not allowed to discuss disbelief in Darwinism any more than they're allowed to discuss disbelief in 2 + 2 = 4.

Note - education is supposed to be non-dogmatic and evidence based, to promote understanding. Evolution dogmatically taught in school is about gaining converts to an orthodox theory.

They say evolution belongs to the category of knowledge not belief, yet we must **believe** in these transitional fossils we can't see, **believe** in life sparking into existence on its own, and **believe** in one species transforming into another, which is never been observed.

The language that evolution is couched in is calculated more to conceal knowledge than to portray it.

Ch. 12 Science & Pseudoscience



Marx made predictions and when those predictions failed to come to pass, his followers

modified his predictions, so it looked like they still came to pass.

Note - surely Marx is the anti-prophet of the apocalypse, born shortly after the true prophet Joseph Smith.

People base their entire careers on theories like evolution and they're afraid to them go down.



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Freud was a pseudoscientist. (Note - A 'fraud')

The word evolution means lots of different things. The trick is to use it to prove something very simple and then apply that to everything else. Demonstrate a minor change and use that to claim that major changes happen.

Amongst themselves Darwinists blame everything on natural selection. When criticized about just how that works, they change the subject to molecular evolution and claim that we don't even really need natural selection because there are other methods.

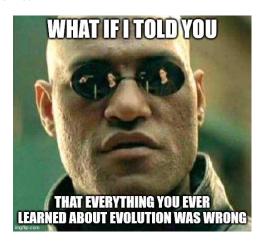
When molecular science came around it was just what the evolutionist had predicted... just after

they changed the theory of evolution to accommodate the new information.

Evolutionists call anyone who believes in an involved creator who is involved a 'religious fundamentalist.'

Scientists are devoted to **protecting** evolution, not defending it.

Scientific naturalism is philosophical, not scientific.



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