

Let's Talk *AGAIN* About Science & Religion

Responding to Latter-day Saint Evolutionists

Presentation Booklet



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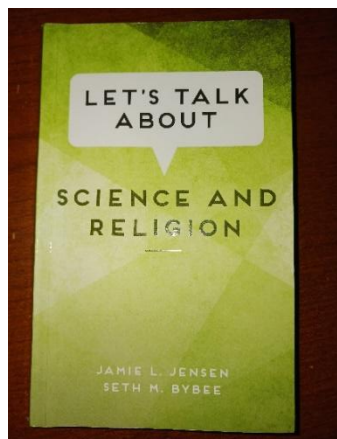
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Is This How It Works? Trendy Latter-day Saints Join the Bandwagon



This 2023 book BYU professors sold at Deseret Book pushes evolution!



Introduction to Controversial Statements in “Let’s Talk Science & Religion”

- “[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.” -back cover fold
- “all living things on earth (both plants and animals) share a common ancestor.” -pg. 48
- “why are homo sapiens (us) the only species left among our human-like ancestors?” pg. 39
- “...strong evidence that we all shared a common beginning.” Pg. 53
- “...humans and animals hint at an evolutionary past.” Pg. 53
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Introduction to Controversial Statements in “Let’s Talk Science & Religion” pg.2

- On page 62 they claim we have 300 "Homo neanderthal" specimens and 18 "Homo naledi" (“the latest hominid discovery”) specimens which supposedly lived 400,000 years ago.
- “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
- “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
- “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.” Pg.20
- “potential issues of compatibility [with evolution] only arise if one stipulates that the creative periods had to occur in the exact order described...” pg. 57
- “the most appropriate version of evolution, from a scientific standpoint, is agnostic, often referred to as “naturalistic” evolution.” Pg. 21
- “science is agnostic.” Pg. 16

Introduction to Controversial Statements in “Let’s Talk Science & Religion” pg.3

- “[science] cannot offer evidence for or against the existence of God.” Pg. 19
- “these evidences [of nature] would hardly witness to them [non-believers] of a Supreme Creator” pg. 28
- “scientific evidence will not reveal God to us.” Pg. 29
- “a testimony pertains to spiritual matters” pg. 29
- “searching for signs of God’s existence, while possible to receive, equally puts our testimony in jeopardy.” Pg. 24
- “[scriptures are] not meant to be a scientific textbook on how the creation took place.” Pg. 50
- “we have encountered individuals who have the mistaken idea that providing pseudoscience will somehow save testimonies. They place the blame for declining religious devotion among the rising generation squarely on science [evolution] and believe that creating and teaching an alternative to science [evolution] will not threaten testimonies and will help students avoid spiritual conflict.” Pg. 34
- “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
- “[We are] concerned with the rising secularity in the youth. We suggest that the solution is to endow your children (and yourself) with the truth, with the real science [evolution] and, if needed, seeking and offering ways to reconcile science [evolution] with what we believe.” Pg. 35
- “this [“nonthreatening”] approach is effective in increasing evolution acceptance.” Pg. 36

Introduction to Controversial Statements in “Let’s Talk Science & Religion” pg.4

- “recognize that in both science and religion we still have much to learn.” Pg. 38
- “we need to learn to feel comfortable with not having all the information right now.” Pg. 38
- “Comfort with Uncertainty.” Pg. 38
- “[take] time to learn and progress without having to make a decision that places science [evolution] and religion at odds with one another.” Pg. 38
- “when people encounter information about a topic that seems to contradict their worldview, they tend to assume science [evolution] is useless in answering questions about that topic.” Pg. 42
- “We sometimes set up a culture that demands that we “know” the truth of all things.” Pg. 46
- “Lastly, if learning scientific theories puts your faith in jeopardy, choose your faith. Choose your **faith until you can better understand the science** (or until science can provide better explanations).” Pg. 46
- “...the earth is about 4.6 billion years old. We can also look to science to learn when the first life-forms appeared.” Pg. 52
- “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

AND MANY MORE!

Evolution Definitions

Evolution—The gradual process of change that occurs in populations of organisms over a long period of time. It manifests itself as new characteristics in a species, and the *formation of new species*. Bib 34 p117

Species—One population of organisms, all the members of which are able to breed amongst themselves or through artificial insemination and are able to produce fertile offspring. Bib 34 p305

Microevolution—The change of traits *within a species*.

Natural Selection (In nature)—The breeding process in nature by which organisms adapt and produce changes in traits *within a species*.

Selective Breeding (Domesticated)—The process of breeding organisms for specific characteristics that produce desired traits *within a species*.

Adaptation—The change of traits within a species in nature or domesticated species.

Macroevolution—The theoretical change of a species *into a new species*.

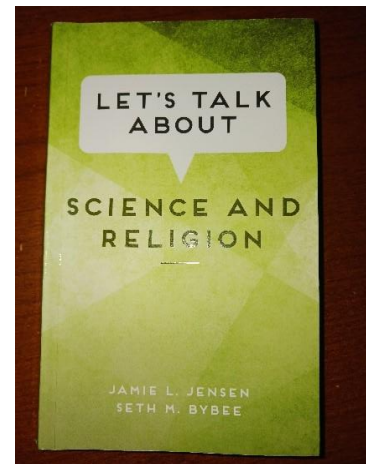
Speciation—The formation of one or more new species from an existing species. Bib 34 p305

Fig 12.2.1

(Above Chart from Universal Model Science)

What is this book?

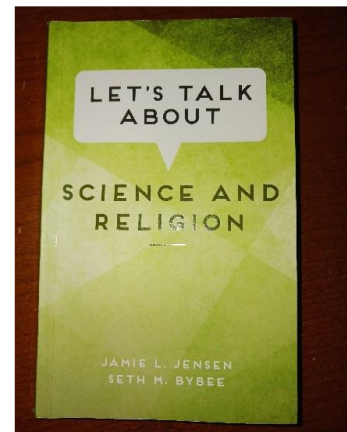
- Sold at Deseret Book
- Promoted in Church Magazines
- Openly promotes evolution



Authors

- **Jamie Jensen, BYU Evolution Professor:**

“She 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.” (Let’s Talk Science, back jacket.)



- Seth Bybee also an evolution professor at BYU.

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What’s Going on at BYU?

Here’s a BYU class on evolution as the “**cornerstone of biology:**”

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BIO 420

Evolutionary Biology

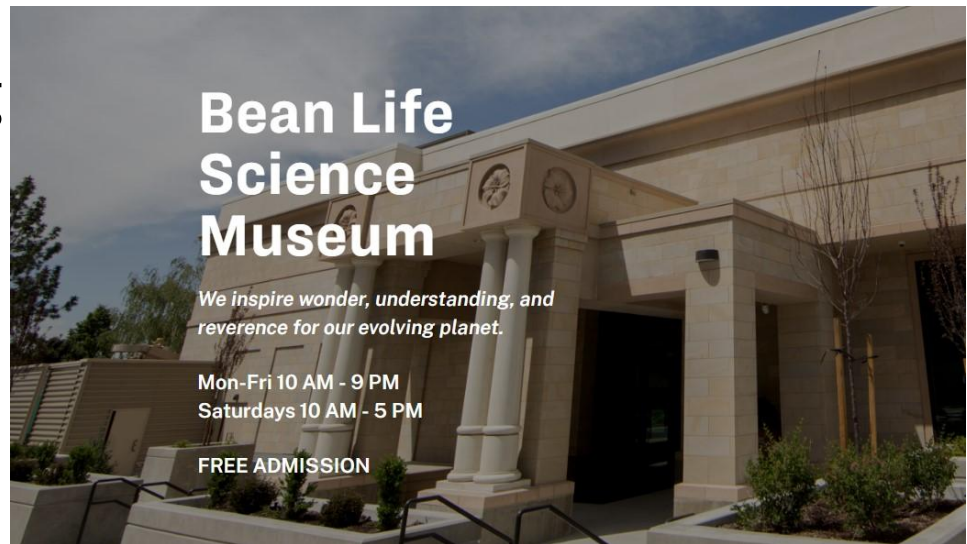
[Biology](#) • College of Life Sciences

Course Information

Course Description

Intensive examination of evolution as the conceptual cornerstone of biology.

What's Going on at BYU?



- “...reverence for our evolving planet,”

BYU Bean Life Science Museum: Pre-Adamites

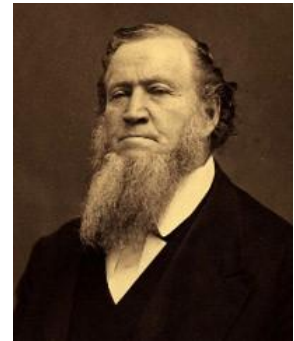


Brigham's Vision for His School

On page 37 they quote Brigham Young calling for us to embrace all knowledge. The issue is that evolution isn't knowledge, and Brigham knew that! Therefore, they are taking Brigham's statement out of context.

So long as they are quoting Brigham, let's look at how Brigham 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 tender-footed 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)

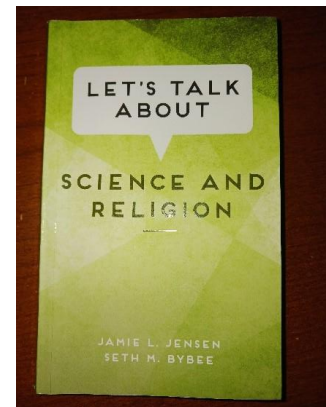


In 1909, 3 BYU professors were fired by Joseph F. Smith for promoting scripture as not being revelation from God, and for promoting Darwinian Evolution, and for their progressive interpretation of Church history.

Satan is Anti-Evolution?

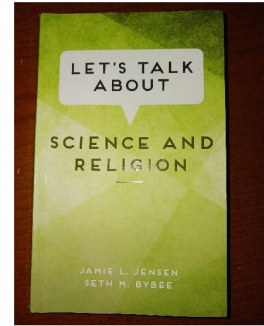
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Promoting the Mountains of Evidence?

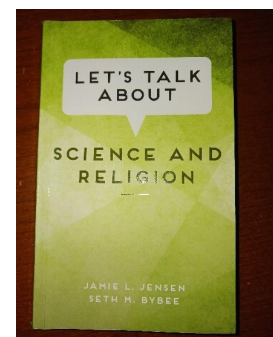
- “scientists have not come lightly to the conclusion that all organisms evolved on earth. They have accumulated mountains of evidence...” (Let’s Talk Science p56)
- They talk about presenting evolution in a “nonthreatening” way. They say, “this approach is effective in increasing evolution acceptance.” (Let’s Talk Science p36)



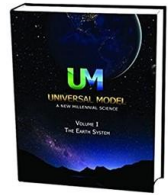
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Are these Your Human-Like Ancestors?



Supposedly pre-human fossils are often just humans.

Humans come in many shapes and sizes.

Some are short.

Some are crippled and bent.

Some have different-shaped heads.

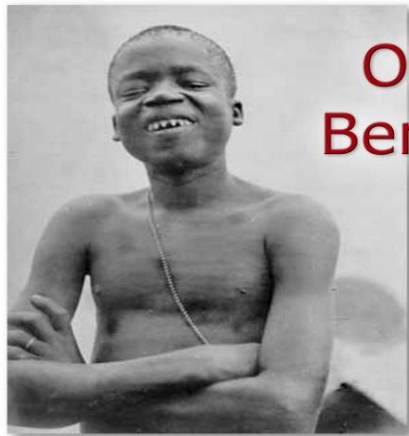
Some of them are small children.



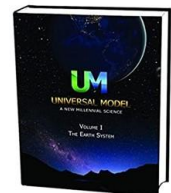
Prisoner of Evolution

“...caged at the Bronx Zoo where he came to be ‘exhibited’ in the zoo’s Monkey House as part of a display intended to promote the concepts of human evolution and scientific racism....represented as the lowest form of human development.”

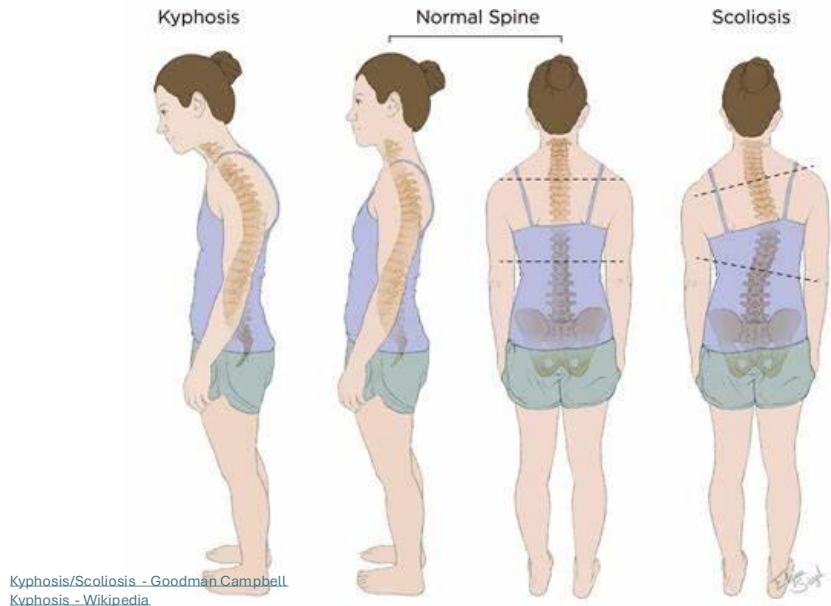
Wiki/Ota_Benga



Ota Benga



Are these Your Human-Like Ancestors?



Kyphosis/Scoliosis - Goodman Campbell
Kyphosis - Wikipedia

More on “Lucy” – Your Human-Like Ancestor?

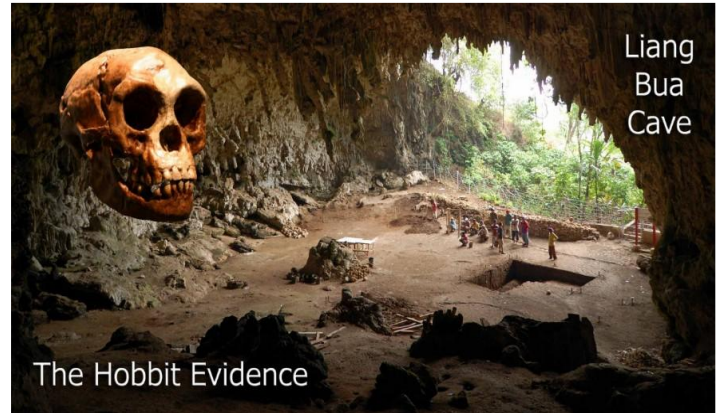
- Lucy was found over a 2-mile radius.
- They put white eyes on it like humans.
- They put feet like a human all toes pointing forward.
- It has the jaw of a baboon.
- The hip was broken and ground to make it walk upright.
- The person who discovered the **Lucy** skeleton was 2 weeks away from running out of grant money to discover the missing link of evolution.
- They named it Lucy because they were listening to The Beatles song Lucy in the sky with diamonds which stands for LSD.
- They say the bones of Lucy are slightly bigger than normal which proves it's becoming human but this is not good logic there are various animals with certain breeds having larger bones than others.
- St Louis zoo put human feet bones on The Lucy but not one foot or hand bone was found for Lucy.



Lucy (Australopithecus) - Wikipedia

Bones of “Lucy’s” Pigmy Village in Indonesia?

- **Bones found here are similar in size to the famous 1974 Lucy skeleton in Africa that researchers say is 3.2 million years old.**
- Pygmy relatives who live just a half mile from the cave have documented **photographic evidence of their ancestors who shared physical characteristics with the remains** found in the cave.
- Others suggest the similarities between Lucy and other short monkeys like the bonobo, similar to the chimpanzee. One study even suggests that Lucy died from the impact of falling from a tall tree, climbing like a typical monkey.
- Stating that Lucy is some creature between apes and man is pure speculation without evidence!



More on Lucy from “The Genesis Impact”

- Lucy is considered the best hominid evidence and is paraded in textbooks as such.
- It is claimed that they found 400 of these but what they mean is not 400 specimens, but 400 bone pieces.
- 30% of those pieces are teeth.
- They say they found 400 specimens like Lucy, but really, all they have is enough bones to fill a little bucket.
- Lucy was found spread over three meters on a hillside in hundreds of pieces.
- 20 tons of sediment were sifted to find 20% of her bones.
- Artists have rendered Lucy as having human like hands human-like feet and white eyes, yet none of this was evident in the fossils.
- Female chimps are the same height and weight as Lucy.
- They didn't find Lucy's skull, only skull fragments. Lucy discovers said that Lucy's skull was almost entirely missing.
- There's a bone at the bottom of Lucy's skull, and they say it's not supposed to be there; that might be from some other animal because it's a typical monkey bone.
- The spine of the ape enters the skull at an angle, so they have to walk hunched down, and this is the type of vertebrae we have for Lucy.
- Lucy's hands were very ape-like.
- They didn't find any feet of Lucy, yet they put feet on the displays of Lucy, notably human feet.
- They found a human-like footprint and human bones a thousand miles away from the Lucy find and claimed that the print was of Lucy's species.
- A recent study suggests that Lucy died falling from high up in a tree. What was she doing up there if she could walk?
- See Dr. Oxman Order of Man.

See The Genesis Impact video here: https://youtu.be/H2sWzApuuvc?si=Zkw_egj8YU4DshbK

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[Pittdown Man - Wikipedia](#)
[Nebraska Man - Wikipedia](#)

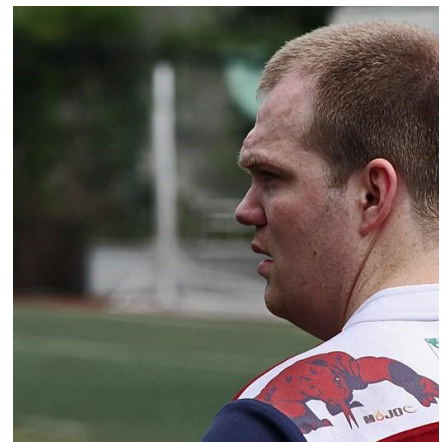
More Fraudulent Human-Like Ancestors

- **Pittdown Man** Jawbone of an orangutan with fragments of a modern human skull. It was praised as the missing link for 40 years before the hoax was discovered. 500 academic journal articles were written on it.
- **Nebraska man** was used as evidence for evolution for a long time all they had of him was one tooth. Later they found the tooth was from a pig.
- **Hilton Man** the jaw was broken and the teeth filed down to fool people but it was in textbooks for decades until proved a fraud in the 50s.

Enlarged Brow Ridge

- Common today.
- Pre-flood people who lived longer likely developed larger brow ridges, as it never stops growing.
- Using the chewing muscles a lot pulls on the bones and changes the shape of the skull.

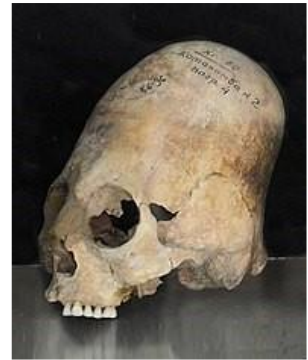
[Brow ridge - Wikipedia](#)



Elongated Skulls

- Warped from human practices, as is seen by Chinese foot binding, African neck stretching, etc.

[Artificial cranial deformation - Wikipedia](#)



Are these Your Human-Like Ancestors?

- Supposedly pre-human fossils are often just apes & monkeys.
- Monkeys & apes come in many shapes and sizes.
- They have different heights.
- They have different head shapes.
- Monkey skeletons are often depicted standing upright.
- Monkey skeletons are often depicted with human toes.



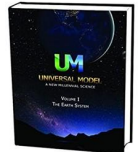
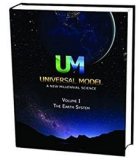
[Primate - Wikipedia](#)
[Monkey - Wikipedia](#)

No Fossil Progression Into Walking Man



"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



No Progression



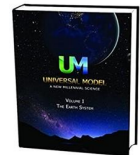
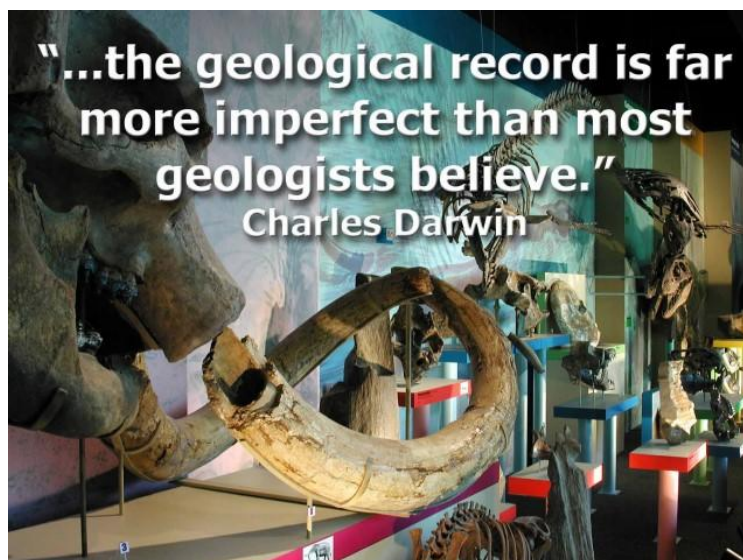
"...the human family of species-are arranged in an orderly procession from primitive forms up to modern Man."
"But such scenarios are subjective."
"...they are unscientific."
Henry Gee

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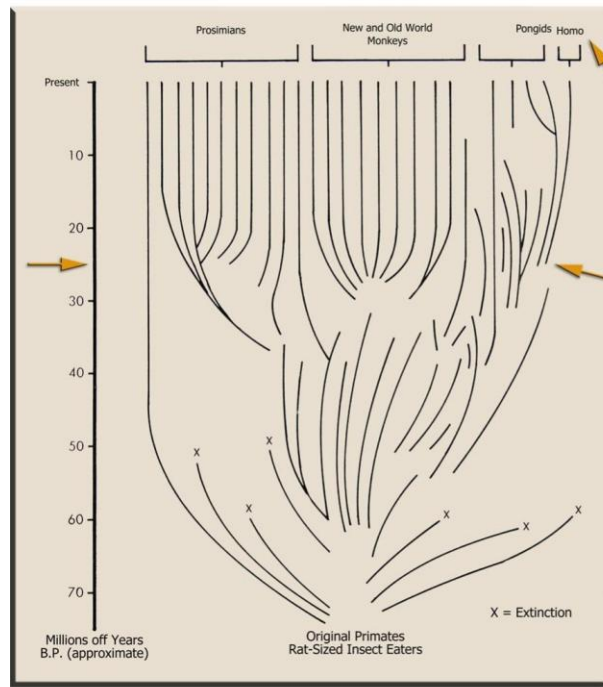
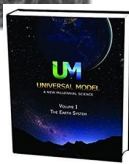
Darwin Aware of Fossil Record Issues: Sudden Appearances in Lowest Rock Layers

- “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 Admits: Fossil Record Far from Perfect



Fake Hominid Ancestor Tree



Humans
With
No
Ancestor
and a
25 Million
Year Age

False
Primate
Evolution
Tree

No Continuous Transition

- “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)



No Fossil Trends for Evolution

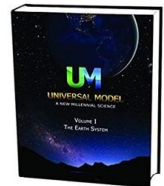
- “One of the major stumbling blocks is the **lack of evidence** concerning fossil forms and the **ignorance about the direction of evolutionary trends and rates** of evolution. This creates a serious problem, since **without data, weighting of characters in classification is largely subjective, and a truly evolutionary classification will never be a reality.**” Frank E. Poirier, Fossil Evidence, p12; UM2 p180



If Humans Transitioned, Why Haven't These Guys?



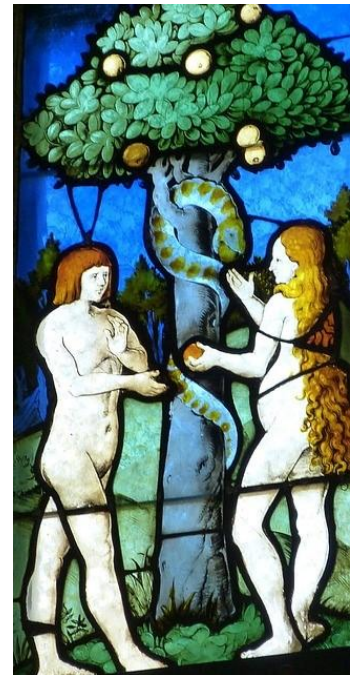
- In just 2000 generations, humans changed species?



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What is the Purpose of Evolution?

- Avowed atheist William Craig said that **what evolution has done is destroy the idea of a first man.**
- Evolution has always been about getting God out of nature.
- If nature doesn't need God, He probably doesn't exist.

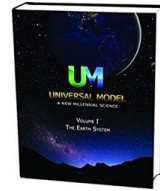


Latter-day Saints Should Know Better than to Claim Non-Divine Origins of Adam

- The latter-day saints are endowed with the understanding that God has a tangible body (D&C 130:22),
- He is married to a woman (D&C 130:2 etc.)
- that procreation is divine when used properly (1 Cor. 11:11, Gen. 1:28), and
- that “children are an heritage from the Lord” (Psalm 127:3-5).



Where did life come from?



Plants, animals, or humans did not hitchhike to Earth through the airless, frigid reaches of space onboard a meteorite that would have vaporized on arrival. Without evolution, and without transport aboard meteorites, we are left with only one option: life was placed on Earth by a Higher Intelligence.



Adam's Dad Really Was God: Prophetic Teachings

- Brigham Young: “Mankind are here because they are offspring of parents (Adam and Eve) who were first brought here from another planet, and power was given them to propagate their species, and they (were) commanded to multiply and replenish the earth...(God)created man as we create our children; for there is no other process of creation in heaven, on the earth, in the earth, or under the earth, or in all the eternities, that is, that (was), or that ever will be... We are flesh of (God's) flesh, (and) bone of his bone” (Journal of Discourses 11:122; 9:283, October 1859).
- Joseph F. Smith: “...Man was born of woman; Christ the Savior was born of woman; and God the Father was born of woman. Adam, our earthly parent, was also born of woman into this world, the same as Jesus and you and I...” (Pres. Joseph F. Smith, Deseret News, Section 3, p. 7, 27 December 1913).
- “Joseph Smith is reported...to have taught that God was the great head of human procreation—was really and truly the Father of both our spirits and our (physical) bodies” (Andrus, Hyrum, God, Man, and the Universe, pp. 351-354).

Elder Holland: Adam Eve & The Garden Were Real

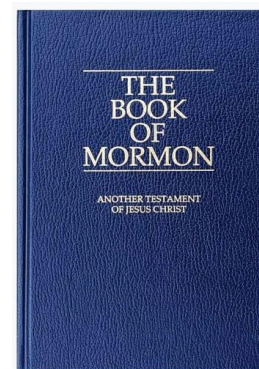
• “In our increasingly secular society, it is as **uncommon as it is unfashionable to speak of Adam and Eve or the Garden of Eden or of a “fortunate fall” into mortality.** Nevertheless, the simple truth is that we **cannot fully comprehend** the Atonement and Resurrection of Christ and we **will not adequately appreciate** the unique purpose of His birth or His death—in other words, there is no way to truly celebrate Christmas *or* Easter—without understanding that there was **an actual Adam and Eve who fell from an actual Eden, with all the consequences that fall carried with it.** I do not know the details of what happened on this planet before that, but I do know **these two were created under the divine hand of God,** that for a time they lived alone in a paradisiacal setting where there was **neither human death nor future family,** and that through a sequence of choices they transgressed a commandment of God which required that they leave their garden setting but which allowed them to have children before facing physical death.” (Jeffrey R. Holland April 2015 Where Justice Love and Mercy Meet [Where Justice, Love, and Mercy Meet \(churchofjesuschrist.org\)](http://Where Justice, Love, and Mercy Meet (churchofjesuschrist.org)))



Part: Benson: The Book of Mormon Exposes Enemies of Christ - Using the Book of Mormon to Combat Falsehoods in Organic Evolution by Clark A. Peterson - No Pre-Adamic People - Common Ancestor of All Things? - Who’s Your Daddy? - Evolution: An Alternative to Christianity - Benson: Darwin an Anti-Christ

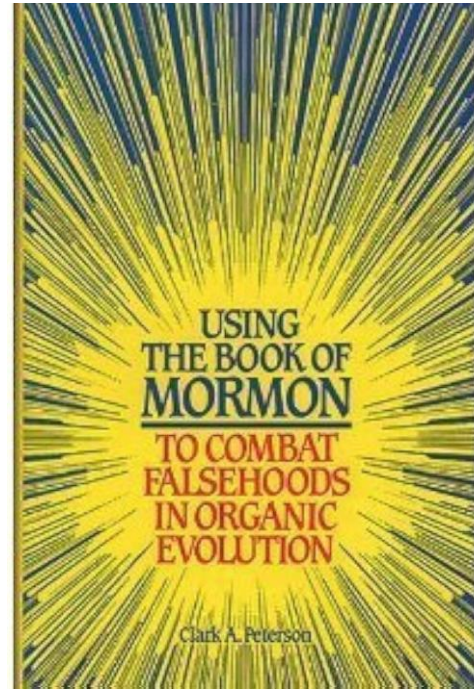
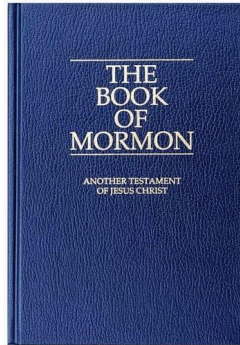
“the Book of Mormon exposes the enemies of Christ [and] confounds false doctrines” (Teachings of Presidents of the Church: Ezra Taft Benson [2014], [132](#)).

- "Ammon said unto him: I am a man; and **man in the beginning was created after the image of God,** and I am called by his Holy Spirit to teach these things unto this people, that they may be brought to a knowledge of that which is just and true;" (Alma 18:34)
- “And now, behold, if Adam had not transgressed he would not have fallen, but he would have remained in the garden of Eden. And **all things which were created must have remained in the same state in which they were after they were created; and they must have remained forever,** and had no end. 23 And they **would have had no children;** wherefore they would have remained in a state of innocence, having no joy, for they knew no misery; doing no good, for they knew no sin.” (2 Ne. 2:22-3)



See also book

“Using the Book of Mormon to Combat Falsehoods in Organic Evolution” by Clark A. Peterson



No Pre-Adamic People

Harold B Lee:

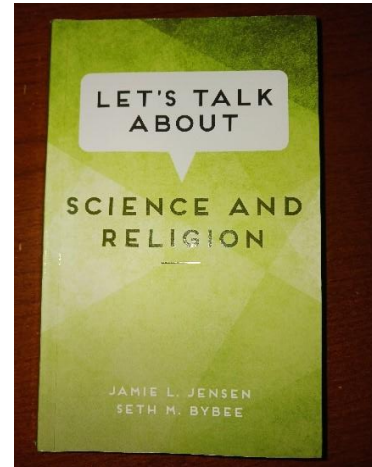
“I was somewhat sorrowed recently to hear someone, a sister who comes from a church family, ask, “What about the pre-Adamic people?” Here was someone who I thought was fully grounded in the faith. I asked, “What about the **pre-Adamic people?**” She replied, “Well, aren’t there evidences that people preceded the Adamic period of the earth?” I said, “**Have you forgotten the scripture that says, ‘And I, the Lord God, formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul, the first flesh upon the earth, the first man also....’**” (Moses 3:7) I asked, “Do you believe that?” She wondered about the creation because she had read the theories of the scientists, and the question that she was really asking was: **How do you reconcile science with religion? The answer must be, If science is not true, you cannot reconcile truth with error.**” (Harold B. Lee, “First Presidency Message: Find the Answers in the Scriptures,” Ensign, Dec. 1972, 2.)

Bruce R. McConkie:

“**Obviously, the whole doctrine of the fall, and all that pertains to it, is diametrically opposed to the evolutionary assumptions relative to the origin of species.**” (Bruce R. McConkie, A New Witness for the Articles of Faith [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1985], xv)]

All Living Things Share a Common Ancestor?

- “all living things on earth (both plants and animals) share a common ancestor.” (Let’s Talk Science p48)



Who's Your Daddy?



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Evolution: An Alternative to Christianity

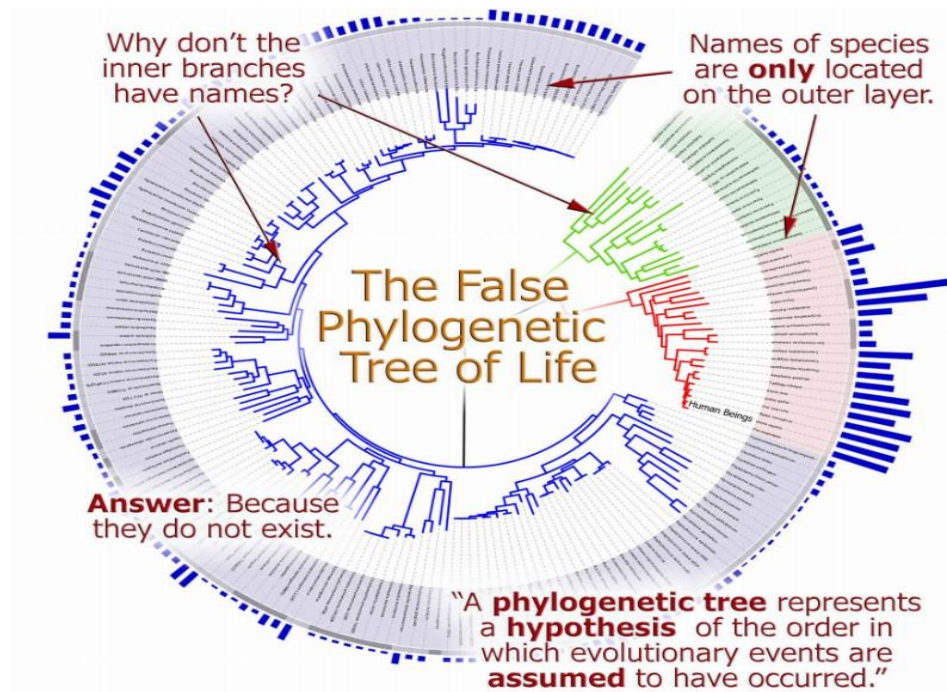
“Evolution is promulgated as an ideology, a secular religion—a full fledged alternative to Christianity, with meaning and morality... Evolution is a religion. This was true of evolution in the beginning, and it is true of evolution still today.”

Michael Ruse – Prof. of Philosophy and Zoology, University of Guelph

President Benson Names 5 Anti-Christs at General Conference

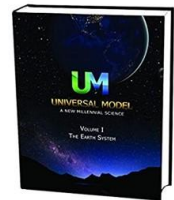
- As a watchman on the tower, I feel to warn you that one of the chief means of misleading our youth and destroying the family unit is our educational institutions. President Joseph F. Smith referred to false educational ideas as one of the three threatening dangers among our Church members. There is more than one reason why the Church is advising our youth to attend colleges close to their homes where institutes of religion are available. It gives the parents the opportunity to stay close to their children; and if they have become alert and informed as President McKay admonished us last year, these parents can help expose some of the deceptions of men like **Sigmund Freud, Charles Darwin, John Dewey, Karl Marx, John Keynes**, and others. Today there are much worse things that can happen to a child than not getting a full college education. In fact, some of the worst things have happened to our children while attending colleges led by administrators who wink at subversion and amorality. (Ezra Taft Benson, Strengthening the Family, Conference Report, October 1970, pp. 21 - 25, also quoted in The Teachings of Ezra Taft Benson, 307.)

Part: Phylogenic Tree of Life: Where's the Common Ancestors? - No Common Ancestors - Origins of Geologic Column: Mere Correlation - Transforming Species in the Fossil Record? - Modern Animals with Dinosaurs Hidden



Phylogenic Tree of Life:

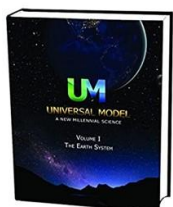
Where's the Common Ancestors?



No Common Ancestors

“The rooting of the universal tree is hopelessly compromised.”

(W. Ford Doolittle, evolutionary and molecular biologist who was a professor at Dalhousie University)

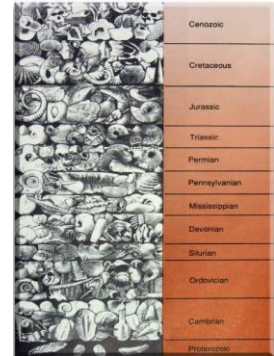


Origins of the Geologic Column: Mere Correlation

- 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, from the Latin for 'together' plus 'relate.'" (Physical Geology, L. DonLeet (Harvard) & Sheldon Judson (Princeton), p.181.)

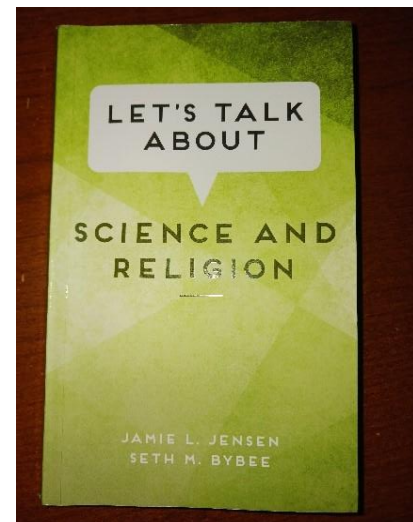
- "A rock that had an early form of an organism was clearly older than rocks containing later forms. Furthermore, all rocks that had the early form, no matter how far apart those rocks were geographically, would have to be the same age ... fossil successions made it possible to say that the Cambrian 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.)

Geological Time Scale
With Evolution of Life
Through the Fossil Record
(U. S. Geological Survey)



Transforming Species?

- “...humans and animals hint at an evolutionary past.” (Let’s Talk Pg. 53)



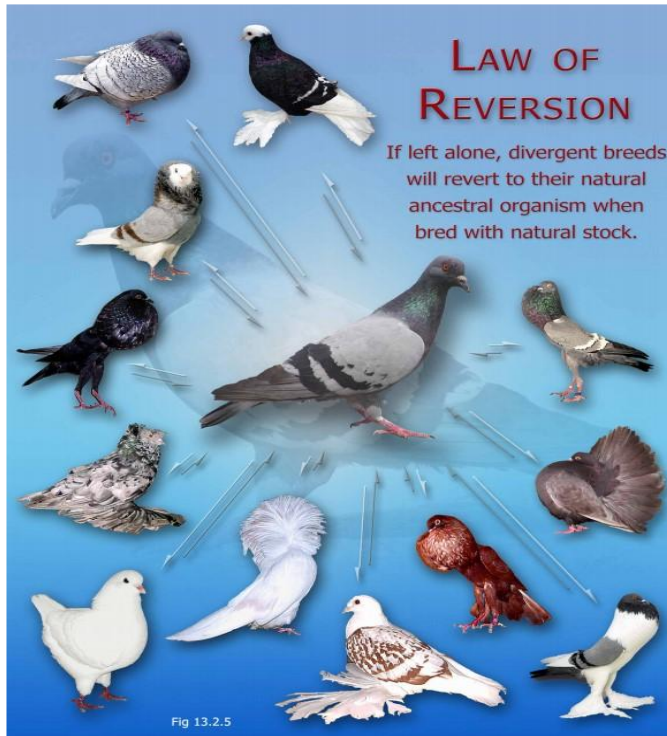
No Transforming Species in the Fossil Record

- **“you cannot connect one fossil with any other to form a narrative.”** (Henry Gee, well-known paleontologist and senior editor of Nature, Europe’s most popular scientific journal, in his book, In Search of Deep Time)
- **“the fossil record has been described as a chaos of anthropological nomenclature and critics have deemed the conventions of human paleontology peculiarly permissive.”** (Fossil Evidence, The human evolution journey: Frank E. Poirier, Second Edition, C. V. Mosby Company, 1977, p15)

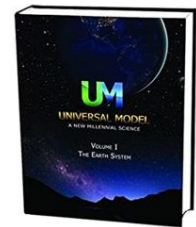
Why do Modern Animals Appear with Dinos?

- Fossils of modern animals are found alongside fossils of dinosaurs.
- They never show these together in museums.
- They want you to think modern animals didn’t exist back then!

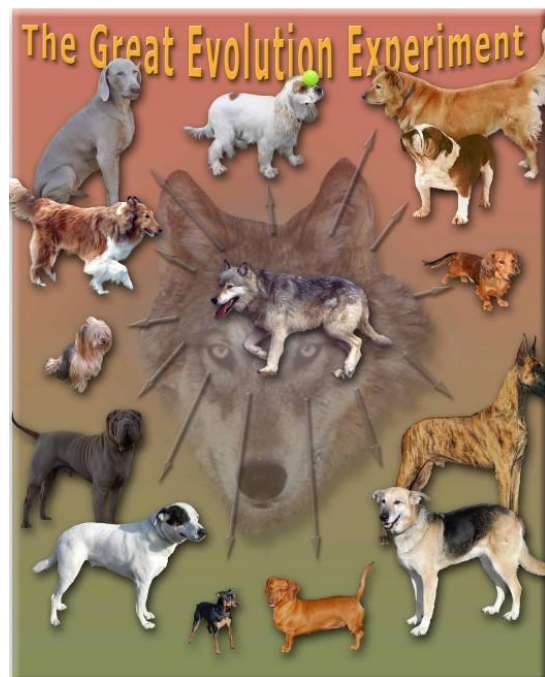
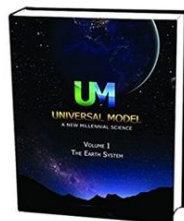
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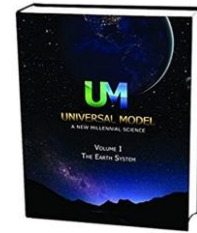
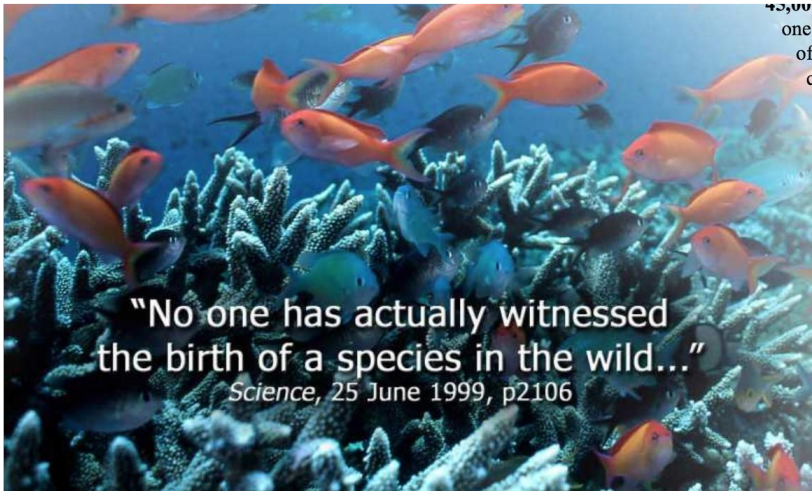
“At no point does the breeder produce a breed of pigeon that is so extreme that one can no longer consider it a pigeon...endless varieties can be produced but in no case are new species formed.” (In Search of Deep Time: Henry Gee, The Free Press, 1999, p33)



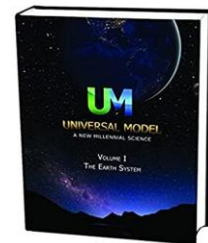
- Most variety of any species
- Still dog



No New Species Witnessed



Peppered Moth Fake Adaptation



Fraudulent methods were used that don't imitate real moth behavior. For example, they hang out not on the trunk but up hidden in the leaves.

Regardless, even if you can demonstrate species adaptation, that is not the same as changing into a new species, and does nothing for Darwinian evolution.

Part: What if You Wait Millions of Years? - President Nelson: Limits of Genetics - Nelson Continues - 1st Presidency Calls for DEMONSTRATABLE Science - Is Evolution Demonstratable?

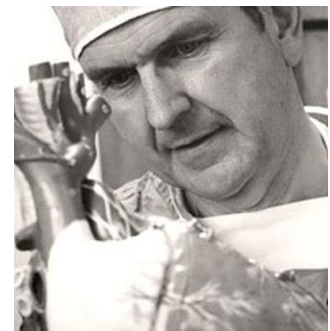
What if you wait millions of years?

- That's not science!
- Let me know when you have.
- Left to themselves, species revert to natural stock.
- In all our crossbreeding, we can't get a new species.
- A cross of 2 species becomes infertile, like the mule.



President Nelson: Limits of Genetics

- “to think that man evolved from one species to another is, to me, incomprehensible... Man has always been man. Dogs have always been dogs. Monkeys have always been monkeys. It’s just the way genetics works... (2007, Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life interview with Russel M Nelson <https://bycommonconsent.com/2007/05/20/elder-nelson-doesnt-believe-in-evolution/>)
- “...some people erroneously think that these marvelous physical attributes happened by chance or resulted from a big bang somewhere. Ask yourself, “Could an explosion in a printing shop produce a dictionary?” The likelihood is *most* remote. But if so, it could never heal its own torn pages or reproduce its own newer editions!” (Russel M Nelson, Conf. Report April 2012, Thanks Be To God <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2012/04/thanks-be-to-god?lang=eng>)



PS- Why didn't they include these statements in their book on science and latter-day saint religion?

Nelson Continues



"Through the ages, some without scriptural understanding have tried to explain our existence by pretentious words such as ex nihilo (out of nothing). 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" that resulted in the creation of our planet and life upon it. To me, such theories are unbelievable!" -- Russell M Nelson, BYU, 1987, "The Magnificence of Man"

"The creation of a PARADISIACAL PLANET came from God. MORTALITY AND DEATH CAME INTO THE WORLD through the Fall of Adam. Immortality and the possibility of eternal life were provided by the Atonement of Jesus Christ." -- Russell M Nelson, April 2000, General Conference, "The Creation"
<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2000/04/the-creation?lang=eng>

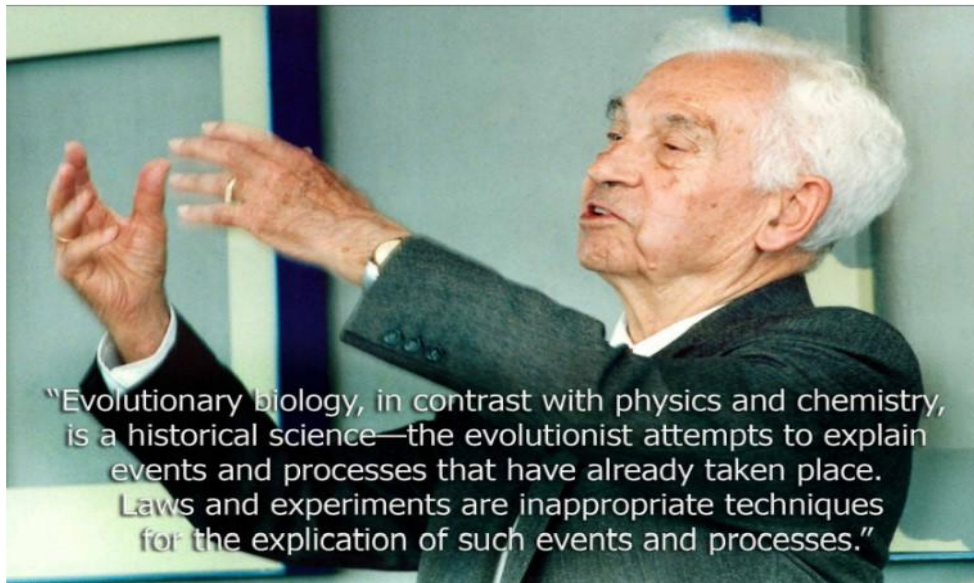
President Nelson has given 3 subsequent General Conference talks on the creation and has been consistent in his teachings on these points.

1st Presidency Calls for DEMONSTRATABLE Science

"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/EvolutionandtheOriginofMan.aspx>.)

Is Evolution Demonstratable?

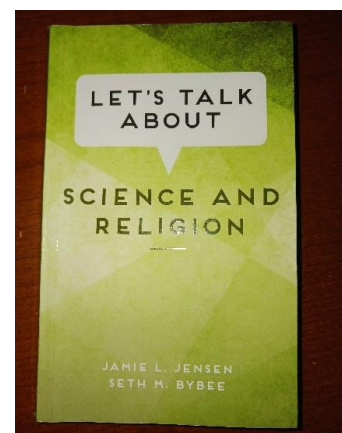


—Author Ernst Mayr delivered in a lecture after receiving the Crafoord Prize from the Royal Swedish Academy of Science.

Part: Reptile Becoming a Bird? - Archeopteryx: Just a Bird - Birds with Teeth - No Bird Evolution Fossils

Reptile Becoming a Bird?

- Let's Talk pg. 54



Archeopteryx: Just a Bird



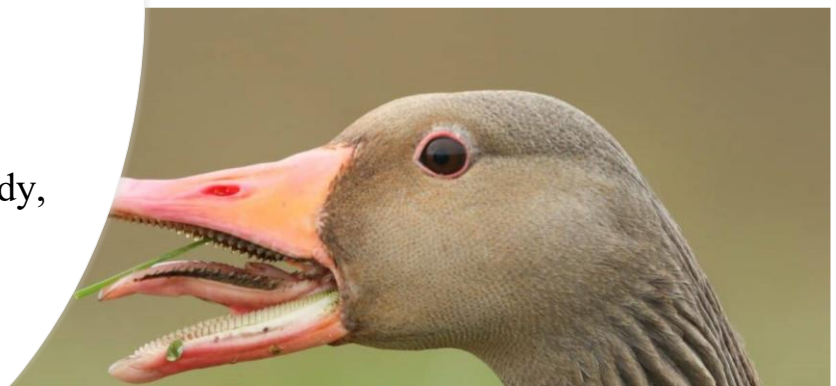
- Platypus: More Unique than Archeopteryx
 - has fur, lays eggs, is a mammal, nurses, chews food with plates rather than teeth
- Some modern birds have winged claws.
 - Hoatzin of South America, Touraco of Africa, Ostrich
- Some modern birds have teeth.
 - Graylag Goose, Merganser, Double Toothed Kite, etc.
- NO TRANSITIONAL FOSSILS for any
 - Modern birds same level & below archeopteryx
- God is Creative
- No scales becoming feathers



Image: Wikipedia
 Image: Ostrich - Wikipedia
 Image: Hoatzin - Wikipedia
 Do Birds Have Teeth? - 8 Birds That Have "Teeth" (birdhelpful.com)

Archeopteryx: Teeth on Birds Aren't Special

- “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



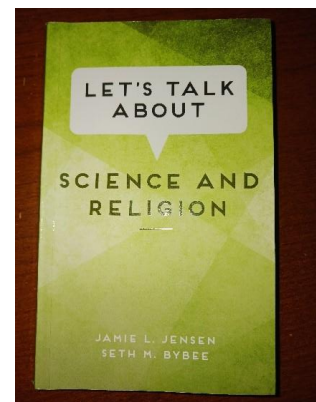
No Bird Evolution Fossils

- “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
- “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.

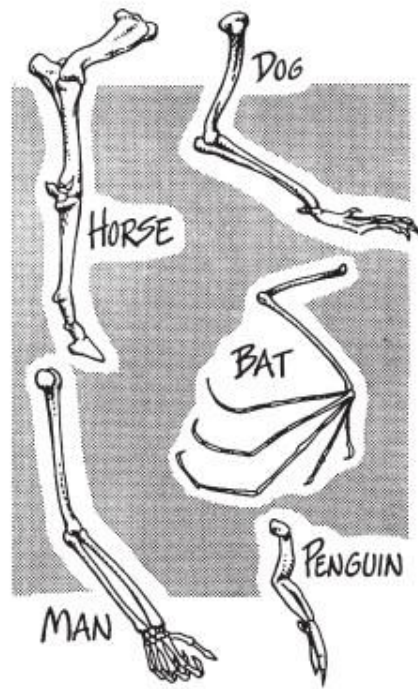
Part: Similar (Homologous) Structures Mean Evolution? - They Look Pretty Different to Me - Why Similar Structures? - Does Any Similarity Mean Descendance?

Similar (Homologous) Structures Mean Evolution?

- “the similarities in body structure of humans and animals hint at an evolutionary past.” (Let’s Talk p53)



They Look Pretty
Different to Me



Why Similar Structures?

- Same Designer!
- Can't Account for Vast Differences.
- No transitional fossils between species.



Does any similarity mean you descended from that?

- Did large **spoons** descend from small spoons?
- The **octopus** & human eye are similar, so did we descend from Octopus? If so, then why are we so different from the octopus in almost every other way?
- When it comes **Specific gravity of blood**, snakes and frogs are closer to humans than people and monkeys. So some evolutionists say our grandpa was more directly a snake, not a monkey.
- The **rat disease** of the Dark Ages only attacked people and Norway rats. So did we descend from rats, even 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 monkies came from geese (or geese from monkies), 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 came up with the term "convergent evolution." Coming up with a new term doesn't solve an impossible problem. There are also creatures like various types of insects, closely related, but with dramatically different eye types.
- You might as well claim that because all land vertebrates have a common ancestor because they all have 2 eyes.

Part: Genes Don't Align with Homologies - Genetics Not so homologous? - Scientists Call for "De Novo" (Out of Nothing) - DNA Evolution Claim & Response - DNA for Recent Eve

Genes Don't Align with Homologies

- "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>; research summarized by Jonathan Wells and Paul Nelson)

Genetics Not so homologous? Scientists Call for “De Novo” (Out of Nothing)

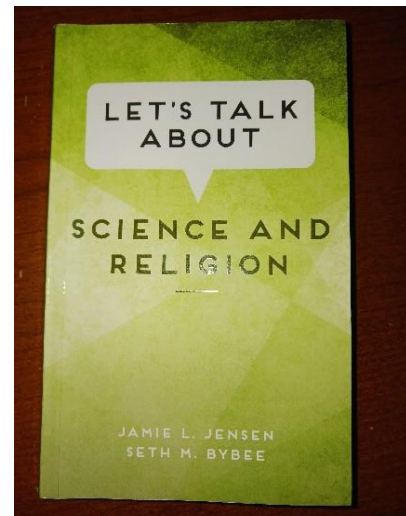
“10-20% of genes lack recognizable homologs in other species.” (*Trends in Genetics* 2009, *More than just orphans: are taxonomically-restricted genes important in evolution?* <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/19716618>.) In other words 10 – 20% of genes in species don't have evidence of ancestry.

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+evolutionary+origin+of+orphan+genes%2C+Nature+Reviews>)

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, it was reported that 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>.) The lead researcher also expressed his thoughts that this percentage of functionality would move to a statistical 100 percent. (Ewan Birney, ENCODE project's Lead Analysis Coordinator “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/2012/09/05/encode-the-rough-guide-to-the-human-genome/#.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.

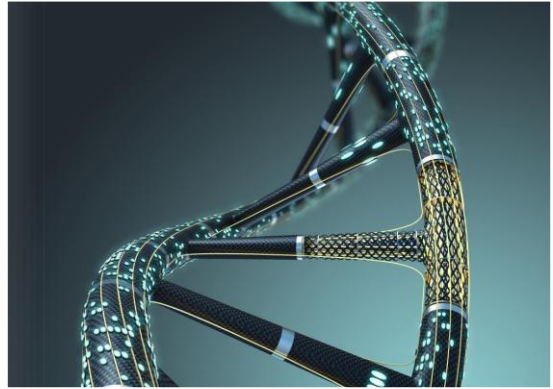
DNA = Evolution?

- “...all life on earth, including humans, read DNA that way. ...This is strong evidence that we all shared a common beginning.” (Let's Talk Science p53)

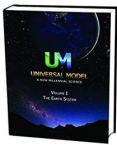


DNA Doesn't Mean Evolution

- Similar DNA indicates a common Creator, not a common ancestor.
- 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.



DNA = Recent Eve

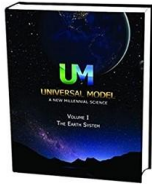


“If molecular evolution is really neutral at these sites, a high mutation rate would indicate that Eve lived about 6500 years ago –

a figure clearly incompatible with current theories on human origins.”

Mitochondrial Eve, TREE, vol. 12, No. 11, November 1997, p422

DNA = Recent Eve



“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.”

Jotun Hein, *Nature*,
30 September 2004, p518

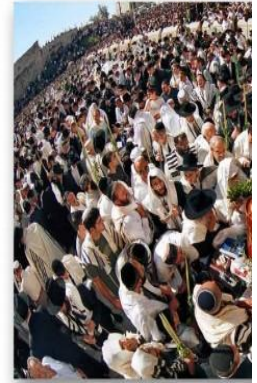
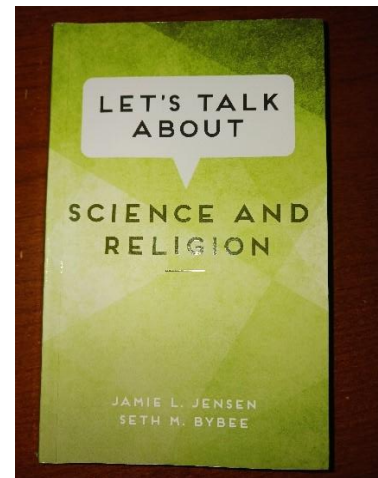


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Part: Vestigial (Useless) Structures: Claim & Response - Formerly Vestigial, Now Understood - Animal-Like Embryos? “Gills & tails?”

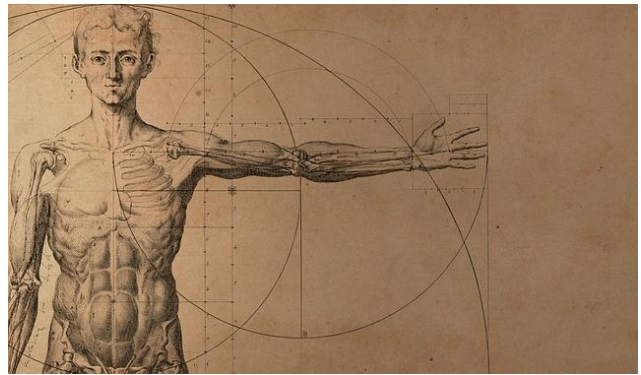
Vestigial (Useless) Structures?

- Animals & people have “evolutionary leftovers” (Let’s Talk p54)



No Vestigial Structures

- There are no useless organs. We keep discovering immune functions etc. for all human organs.
- There are no intermediate organs.
- The human coccyx supports weight, supports muscle, & helps balance.
- The whale pelvis is essential for reproduction.



By the way...

- *Darwin said he envisioned a polar bear could turn into a whale*
- *A plant biologist said the whale pelvis is the most convincing evidence he was aware of for evolution.*



Formerly Vestigial, Now Understood

• 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)

• 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/2009/07/090730-spleen-vestigial-organs.html>)

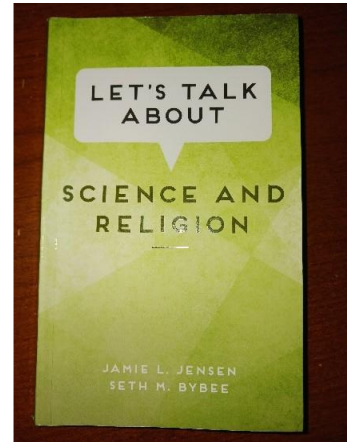
(See also Dr. Jerry Bergman, George Howe, *Vestigial Organs Are Fully Functional: A History and Evaluation of the Vestigial Organ Origins Concept Book*)

• 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*)

• It is said by some that in the distant past these structures had different or greater functionality, and evidence of past function is claimed by an appeal to other living creatures which may have a similar structure that do have different or greater function. Such arguments are circular reasoning because it is assumed that the evolutionary history is already demonstrated.

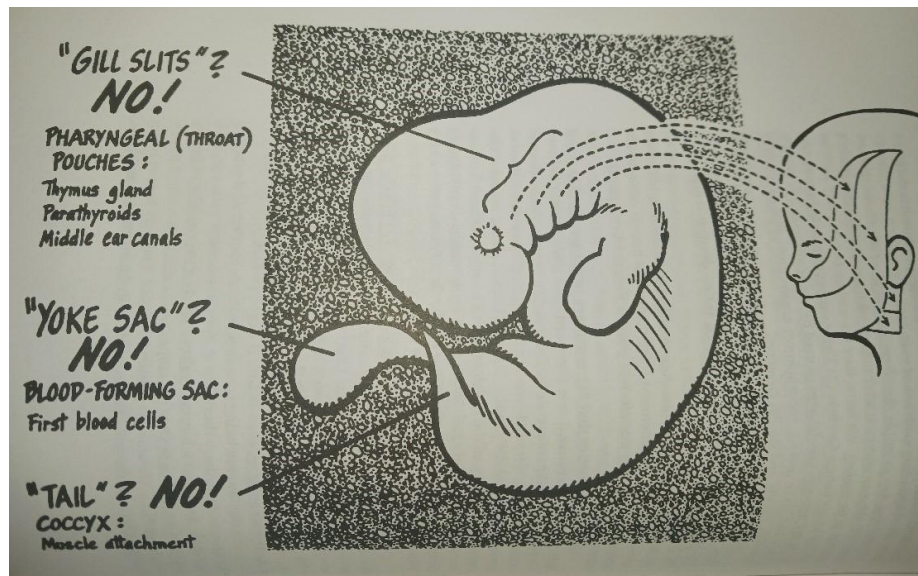
Animal-Like Embryos?

- Human embryos have “gills and tails.” (Let’s Talk p55)



No Animal-Like Embryos

- No gill slits, no oxygen extraction from fluids.
- Small round beginning doesn't mean common ancestor!
- Haeckel changed sizes of heads, eyes, trunks, etc. His ape and man skeleton drawings changed heights and showed apes with upright postures

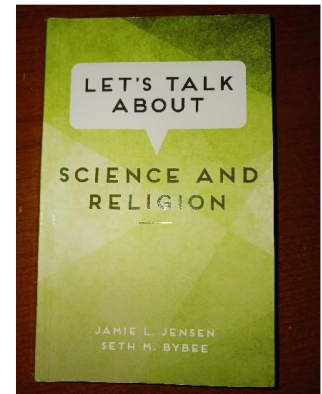


Part: Radiometric Dating = Old Earth? Ancient Life? - Darwin: Old Earth Essential to Evolution Theory - Radiometric Dating Issues - Evolutionists Admit Selective Radiometric Date Acceptance



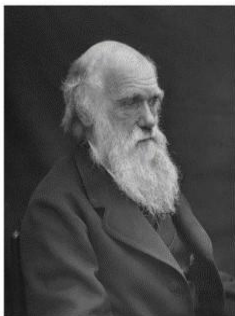
Radiometric Dating = Old Earth? Ancient Life?

- “...the earth is about 4.6 billion years old. We can also look to science to learn when the first life-forms appeared.” (Let’s Talk p52)
- “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...” (Let’s Talk p52)



Old Earth Essential to Evolution Theory

- “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).



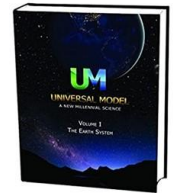
Radiometric Dating Issues

- Build on unprovable assumptions
 - How much carbon is initially present?
 - Did argon leak in or out?
 - Is the decay rate constant?
 - Has the atmosphere always been the same?
 - Have catastrophic events influenced timetables?
- We can't tell what the weather will be in 1 week, why would we know the environment of 1 billion years ago?



More Radiometric Dating Issues

- Radiometric dates of known ages are wrong.
- Radiometric dates are unreliable – you often get a different age when sending 2 of the same sample in, or sending the same sample in several times with a different label.



Evolutionists Admit Selective Date Acceptance

- “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].)
- “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.)



Part: How Old Is Earth Really?: 7000 Year Temporal Lifespan of Earth: D&C 77:6-7, 12 - 1 Day to God is 1000 Years to Man - Abraham Implies Evolution? - Scripture Got Creation Order Wrong? - Evolution Order EXACT OPPOSITE of Scripture! - Sun on 4th Day of Creation, an Error?

**How Old Is Earth Really?
7000 Year Temporal Lifespan of Earth
D&C 77:6-7, 12**



- “6 Q. What are we to understand by the book which John saw, which was sealed on the back with seven seals? A. We are to understand that it contains the revealed will, mysteries, and the works of God; the hidden things of his economy concerning this earth during **the seven thousand years of its continuance, or its temporal existence.** 7 Q. What are we to understand by the seven seals with which it was sealed? A. We are to understand that the first seal contains the things of the first thousand years, and the second also of the second thousand years, and so on until the seventh.” 12 “Q. What are we to understand by the sounding of the trumpets, mentioned in the 8th chapter of Revelation? A. We are to understand that **as God made the world in six days, and on the seventh day he finished his work, and sanctified it, and also formed man out of the dust of the earth, even so, in the beginning of the seventh thousand years will the Lord God sanctify the earth,** and complete the salvation of man, and judge all things, and shall redeem all things, except that which he hath not put into his power, when he shall have sealed all things, unto the end of all things; and the sounding of the trumpets of the seven angels are the preparing and finishing of his work, in the beginning of the seventh thousand years—the preparing of the way before the time of his coming.”

1 Day to God is 1000 Years to Man



• “8 But concerning the coming of the Lord, beloved, I would not have you ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.” JST 2 Peter 3:8

• "Fig. 1. Kolob, signifying the first creation, nearest to the celestial, or the residence of God. First in government, the last pertaining to the measurement of time. The measurement according to celestial time, which celestial time signifies one day to a cubit. One day in Kolob is equal to a thousand years according to the measurement of this earth, which is called by the Egyptians Jah -oh-eh." Facsimile 2 Figure 1

• “4 And the Lord said unto me, by the Urim and Thummim, that Kolob was after the manner of the Lord, according to its times and seasons in the revolutions thereof; that one revolution was a day unto the Lord after his manner of reckoning, it being one thousand years according to the time appointed unto that whereon thou standest. This is the reckoning of the Lord’s time, according to the reckoning of Kolob. 5 And the Lord said unto me: The planet which is the lesser light, lesser than that which is to rule the day, even the night, is above or greater than that upon which thou standest in point of reckoning, for it moveth in order more slow; this is in order because it standeth above the earth upon which thou standest, therefore the reckoning of its time is not so many as to its number of days, and of months, and of years. 6 And the Lord said unto me: Now, Abraham, these two facts exist, behold thine eyes see it; it is given unto thee to know the times of reckoning, and the set time, yea, the set time of the earth upon which thou standest, and the set time of the greater light which is set to rule the day, and the set time of the lesser light which is set to rule the night. 7 Now the set time of the lesser light is a longer time as to its reckoning than the reckoning of the time of the earth upon which thou standest. 8 And where these two facts exist, there shall be another fact above them, that is, there shall be another planet whose reckoning of time shall be longer still; 9 And thus there shall be the reckoning of the time of one planet above another, until thou come nigh unto Kolob, which Kolob is after the reckoning of the Lord’s time; which Kolob is set nigh unto the throne of God, to govern all those planets which belong to the same order as that upon which thou standest. 10 And it is given unto thee to know the set time of all the stars that are set to give light, until thou come near unto the throne of God. 11 Thus I, Abraham, talked with the Lord, face to face, as one man talketh with another; and he told me of the works which his hands had made;” Abraham 3:4-11

Abraham Implies Evolution?

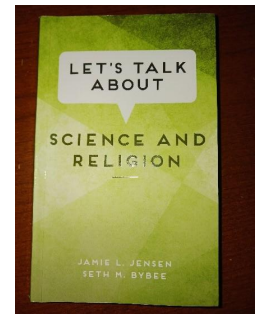
• On page 52 they cite Abraham 4:21 as evidence that God could have used evolution. Read it and see for yourself:

“21 And the Gods prepared the waters that they might bring forth great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters were to bring forth abundantly after their kind; and every winged fowl after their kind. And the Gods saw that they would be obeyed, and that their plan was good.”

• Let’s look at the next verses for more context:

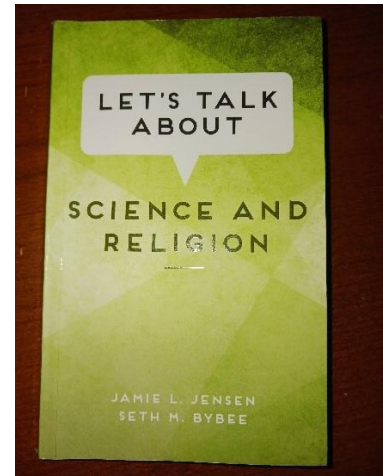
“22 And the Gods said: We will bless them, and cause them to be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas or great waters; and cause the fowl to multiply in the earth. 23 And it came to pass that it was from evening until morning that they called night; and it came to pass that it was from morning until evening that they called day; and it was the fifth time .”

Clearly we are dealing with single days, whether those are our 24 hour days, or God’s 1000 year days.



Scripture Got Creation Order Wrong? Creation Scriptures Not Scientific?

- “potential issues of compatibility [with evolution] only arise if one stipulates that the creative periods had to occur in the exact order described...” (Let’s Talk p57)
- Creation accounts from Genesis Moses and Abraham are “not meant to be a scientific textbook on how the creation took place.”pg. 50 Then they have a footnote after that claim, and guess what it’s to? Some random guys podcast. Were scriptures supposed to mislead us into a totally wrong version of creation?



Evolution Order OPPOSITE of Scripture

Bible: earth before sun & stars. **Evolution:** Sun & stars before earth.

Bible: oceans before land. **Evolution:** land before oceans.

Bible: light before sun. **Evolution:** sun before light.

Bible: land plants before marine life. **Evolution:** marine life before land plants.

Bible: fruit trees before fish. **Evolution:** fish before fruit trees.

Bible: fish before insects. **Evolution:** insects before fish.

Bible: plants before sun. **Evolution:** sun before plants.

Bible: birds before reptiles. **Evolution:** reptiles before birds.

Bible: man brought death into the world. **Evolution:** death brought man into the world.

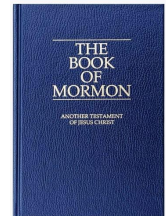
Bible: God created man. **Evolution:** man created God.

Sun on 4th Day of Creation, an Error?

- Temple recently corrected creation account to match bible with sun on 4th day.
- “And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, **neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light**; and they shall reign for ever and ever.” (Rev. 22:5)
- Even children understand that alternative light sources can be used.
- Even if sun was behind clouds until 4th day, why insist scripture is wrong?

Part: Book of Mormon Clear on Creation: Jacob 4:8-10 - 1st Presidency Statements
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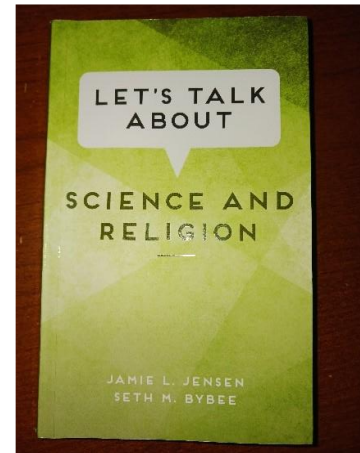
Revelation Required to Learn Creation Truth
(So Don't Promote Unscriptural Creation Ideas)
Jacob 4:8-10



“8 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.”

1st Presidency Statements

- “Neither [1st Presidency] statement confirmed or denied the claims of evolutionary science...” (Let’s Talk p49-50)



1st Presidency Statements: What are they referring to if not Evolution?

- Here is President Smith in 1909:
 - “It is held by some that Adam was not the first man 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.**”
- Here is President Grant in 1925:
 - “...All men and women are in the similitude of the universal Father and Mother, and are **literally sons and daughters** of Deity...**Man is the child of God, formed in the divine image and endowed with divine attributes**, and even as the **infant son of an earthly** father and mother is capable in due time of becoming a man, so that undeveloped offspring of celestial parentage is capable, by experience through ages and aeons, of evolving into a God.”

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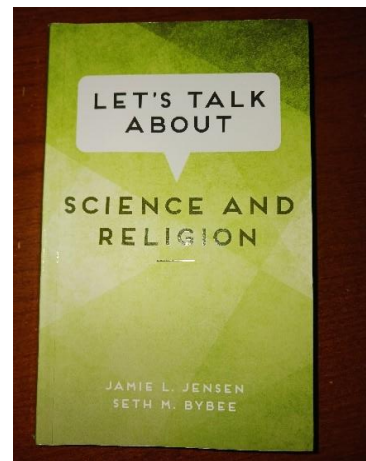
Why did they leave this part out?

- The middle 2 paragraphs of the Grant 1925 quote **which the authors left out** emphasize the point that Adam and Eve were literal lineal corporal reproductive offspring of God. Here is what they left out in those three little dots:

- **Adam, our great progenitor, “the first man,”** was, like Christ, a pre-existent spirit, and, like Christ, he took upon him an appropriate body, the body of a man, and so became a “living soul.” The doctrine of pre-existence pours wonderful flood of light upon the otherwise mysterious problem of man’s origin. It shows that man, as a spirit, was begotten and born of heavenly parents, and reared to maturity in the eternal mansions of the Father, prior to coming upon the earth in a temporal body to undergo an experience in mortality. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, basing its belief on divine revelation, ancient and modern, **proclaims man to be the direct and lineal offspring of Deity**. By his Almighty power God organized the earth, and all that it contains, from spirit and element, which exist co-eternally with himself.

No Official Church Position on Evolution?

- On page 50 they cite:
- “The Church has no official position on the theory of evolution. Organic evolution, or changes to species’ inherited traits over time, is a matter for scientific study. Nothing has been revealed concerning evolution. Though the details of what happened on earth before Adam and Eve, including how their bodies were created, have not been revealed, our teachings regarding man’s origin are clear and come from revelation.” (New Era Magazine, Oct. 2016, [What does the Church believe about evolution? \(churchofjesuschrist.org\)](http://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/what-does-the-church-believe-about-evolution/))



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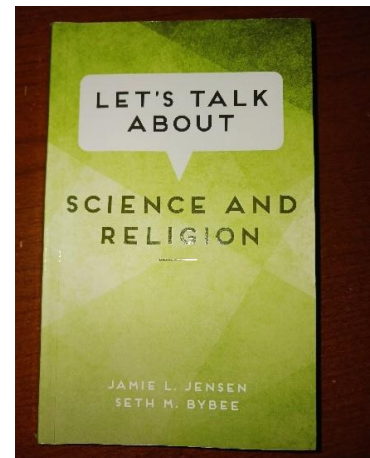
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Fact Check:

- There’s no author with this statement.
- Church teachings have consistently been against evolution.
- This is not an official 1st Presidency statement, or in scripture, so it isn’t canonized doctrine.
- Many canonized doctrines reject evolution.
- Do we officially believe The Book of Mormon? Do we officially liken it unto ourselves (1 Ne. 19:23)?

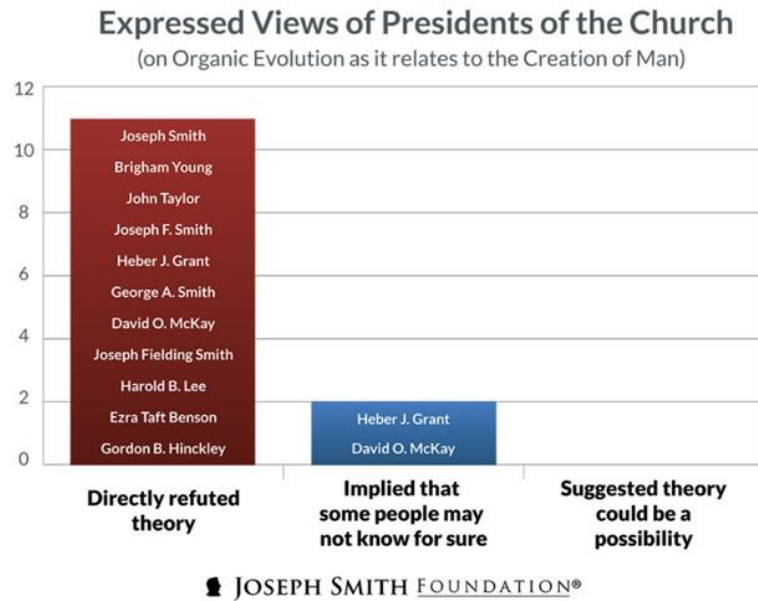
Church Leaders Changing their Mind?

- “...varying views [on evolution] of church leaders over time.” (Let’s Talk p50)



Church Message has been Consistent

- Add Nelson to the list of directly refuted.
- Widstoe & Talmage were the only Apostles who suggested evolution. Eyring Sr. is not an apostle, yet they cite him too.
- The Church's doctrine has not changed.
- Just because members now embrace evolution and teach it at BYU doesn't mean it's Church doctrine.



Remember The Living Prophet v Evolution

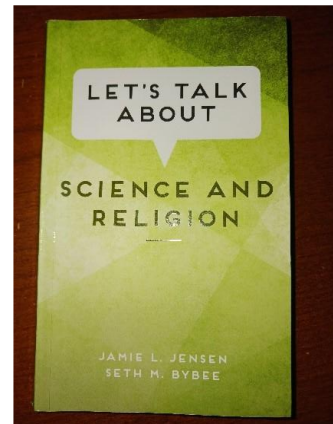


- “to think that man evolved from one species to another is, to me, incomprehensible... Man has always been man. Dogs have always been dogs. Monkeys have always been monkeys. It’s just the way genetics works... (2007, Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life interview with Russel M Nelson <https://bycommonconsent.com/2007/05/20/elder-nelson-doesnt-believe-in-evolution/>)
- “...some people erroneously think that these marvelous physical attributes happened by chance or resulted from a big bang somewhere. Ask yourself, “Could an explosion in a printing shop produce a dictionary?” The likelihood is *most* remote. But if so, it could never heal its own torn pages or reproduce its own newer editions!” (Russel M Nelson, Conf. Report April 2012, Thanks Be To God <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2012/04/thanks-be-to-god?lang=eng>)

Part: No Science for God - Evolution is Antichrist - Was Darwin from God? - Book of Mormon Warns Against False Teachers - Beware Attacks from Within the Church: Boyd K Packer - Beware Deception: Joseph F. Smith

No Science for God

- science “cannot offer evidence for or against the existence of God.” (Let’s Talk Science p19)
- REALLY? All of nature is evidence for God!



Evolution is Antichrist

“Evolution is a carefully protected state religion.”

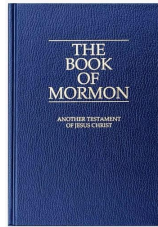
(Kent Hovind, Creation Seminar Series, see drdino.com & creationism.org).

“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.”

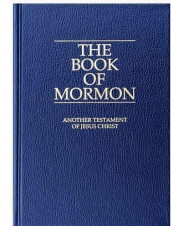
Michael Ruse – Prof. of Philosophy and Zoology, University of Guelph

Was Darwin from God?

- Darwin’s personal life was fraught with contention, despair, cruelty, etc. Later in life he became disgusted with nature and art.
- “And also trust no one to be your teacher nor your minister, except he be a man of God, walking in his ways and keeping his commandments.” (Mosiah 23:14).



Book of Mormon Warns Against False Teachers



- 2 Ne. 28:9: “9 Yea, and there shall be many which shall teach after this manner, false and vain and foolish doctrines, and shall be puffed up in their hearts, and shall seek deep to hide their counsels from the Lord; and their works shall be in the dark.”
- 2 Ne. 28:11-12: “11 Yea, they have all gone out of the way; they have become corrupted. 12 Because of pride, and because of **false teachers**, and false doctrine, their churches have become corrupted, and their churches are lifted up; because of pride they are puffed up.”
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- 2 Ne. 28:14-15: “14 They wear stiff necks and high heads; yea, and because of pride, and wickedness, and abominations, and whoredoms, they have all gone astray save it be a few, who are the humble followers of Christ; nevertheless, they are led, that in **many instances they do err because they are taught by the precepts of men**. 15 O the wise, and the learned, and the rich, that are puffed up in the pride of their hearts, and all those who **preach false doctrines**, and all those who commit whoredoms, and pervert the right way of the Lord, wo, wo, wo be unto them, saith the Lord God Almighty, for they shall be thrust down to hell!”

Beware Attacks from Within the Church: Boyd K Packer

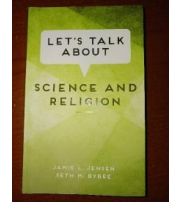
- “Atheists and agnostics make nonbelief their religion and today organize in unprecedented ways to attack faith and belief. They are now organized, and they pursue political power. You will be hearing much about them and from them. Much of their attack is indirect in mocking the faithful, in mocking religion. The types of Sherem, Nehor, and Korihor live among us today (see Jacob 7:1–21; Alma 1:1–15; Alma 30:6–60). Their arguments are not so different from those in the Book of Mormon. You who are young will see many things that will try your courage and test your faith. **All of the mocking does not come from outside of the Church.** Let me say that again: All of the mocking does not come from outside of the Church. Be careful that you do not fall into the category of mocking.” (President Boyd K Packer, Jan. 16 2007 [Lehi's Dream and You - Boyd K. Packer - BYU Speeches](#)))

Beware Deception: Joseph F. Smith

- “Let it not be forgotten that the evil one has great power in the earth, and that by every possible means he seeks to darken the minds of men, and then offers them **falsehood and deception in the guise of truth.** Satan is a **skilful imitator**, and as genuine gospel truth is given the world in ever-increasing abundance, so he spreads the counterfeit coin of false doctrine. Beware of his spurious currency, it will purchase for you nothing but disappointment, misery and spiritual death. The ‘**father of lies**’ he has been called, and such an adept has he become, through the ages of practice in his nefarious work, that were it possible he would deceive the very elect” (Gospel Doctrine, 5th ed. [1939], 376).

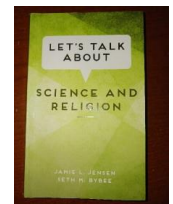
Part: More Silly Claims About Science & Testimony - Don't Twist Scripture to Fit Agendas - Beware Rejecting Creation Truth - Commanded to Expose Hidden Popular Agendas

More Silly Claims About Science & Testimony



- **On page 28** the authors say “these evidences [of nature] would hardly witness to them [non-believers] of a Supreme Creator,” yet the scripture plainly says the witness of nature is for **everyone**. Alma 30:44 says nature is a “witness” for God.
- “searching for signs of God’s existence, while possible to receive, equally puts our testimony in jeopardy.” pg24
- “a testimony pertains to spiritual matters,” pg. 29. But once we have that testimony of spiritual matters, it should by necessity shape our views of temporal matters! **The spiritual informs the temporal!**
- **On page 29** they speak of spiritual things being learned by spiritual methods, and temporal things being learned by temporal methods. This shortchanges both methods.
- **On page 29** they refer to the spiritual truths we can learn. Why are they unwilling to get into those truths? Why don’t we talk about the spiritual truths about the creation?
- **On page 30** they ironically warn people against the dangers of “new scientific discovery” which could shake spiritual faith. Are they warning people against science which doesn’t support evolution?

Even More Silly Claims about Testimony



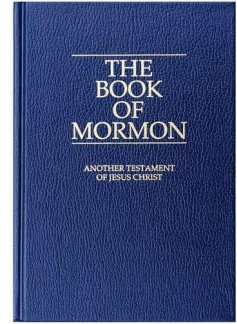
- **On page 30** they say rightly that “spiritual truth remains constant,” but let’s remember, temporal truth is also constant. All truth is constant.
- **On page 34** they say “we have encountered individuals who have the mistaken idea that providing pseudoscience will somehow save testimonies. They place the blame for declining religious devotion among the rising generation squarely on science and believe that creating and teaching an alternative to science will not threaten testimonies and will help students avoid spiritual conflict.” In reality, creation advocates don’t create “an alternative to science,” they promote an alternative to evolution. Here again they equate evolution theory with science!

Don't Twist Scripture to Fit Agendas

- Alma 13:20 warns against those who would change plain meanings of scripture to fit their agendas,

“Now I need not rehearse the matter; what I have said may suffice. Behold, the scriptures are before you; if ye will wrest them it shall be to your own destruction.”

- D&C 10:63 continues to explain the role of scripture,
“And this I do that I may establish my gospel, that there may not be so much contention; yea, Satan doth stir up the hearts of the people to contention concerning the points of my doctrine; and in these things they do err, for they do wrest the scriptures and do not understand them.”



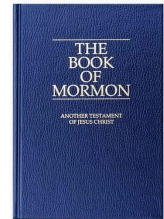
Beware Rejecting Creation Truth: Book of Mormon Warnings

2 Ne. 1:10

“But behold, when the time cometh that they shall **dwindle in unbelief**, after they have received so great blessings from the hand of the Lord—having a **knowledge of the creation** of the earth, and all men, knowing the great and marvelous works of the Lord from the creation of the world; having power given them to do all things by faith; having all the commandments from the beginning, and having been brought by his infinite goodness into this precious land of promise—behold, I say, if the day shall come that **they will reject** the Holy One of Israel, the true Messiah, their Redeemer and their God, behold, the judgments of him that is just shall rest upon them.”

3 Nephi 16:10

“And thus commandeth the Father that I should say unto you: At that day when the Gentiles shall sin against my gospel, and shall reject the fulness of my gospel, and shall be lifted up in the pride of their hearts above all nations, and above all the people of the whole earth, and shall be filled with all manner of flyings, and of deceits, and of mischiefs, and all manner of hypocrisy, and murders, and priestcrafts, and whoredoms, and of secret abominations; and if they shall do all those things, and shall reject the fulness of my gospel, behold, saith the Father, I will bring the fulness of my gospel from among them.”

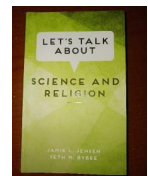


Commanded to Expose Hidden Popular Agendas D&C 123:11-15

“11 And also it is an imperative duty that we owe to all the rising generation, and to all the pure in heart— 12 For there are many yet on the earth among all sects, parties, and denominations, who are blinded by the subtle craftiness of men, whereby they lie in wait to deceive, and who are only kept from the truth because they know not where to find it— 13 Therefore, that we should waste and wear out our lives in bringing to light all the hidden things of darkness, wherein we know them; and they are truly manifest from heaven— 14 These should then be attended to with great earnestness. 15 Let no man count them as small things; for there is much which lieth in futurity, pertaining to the saints, which depends upon these things.”

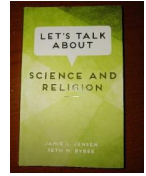
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What They've Been Taught



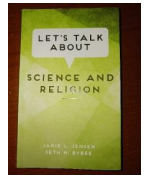
- **On page 34** they say, “when individuals find out that there is overwhelming scientific evidence to refute what they’ve been taught, they start to wonder about the truthfulness of other things they’ve been taught (for example, resurrection, the Atonement, and the reality of a Savior and a Heavenly Father). The result is absolutely heartbreaking.” On this tragedy we agree.
- I ask then, what exactly is “what they’ve been taught” which contradicts science and favors religious doctrines? You wouldn’t happen to be referring to teachings which don’t support evolution, would you? Because when youth are taught that evolution is false, and that the fall atonement and resurrection are true (all of those contradict evolution), yes, encountering supposed evidence for evolution may rock them.
- Sadly, those who teach evolution are the poison, not the cure.
- Yes, we reject falsehood of the Devil which contradicts scripture.

“What we thought about the world”



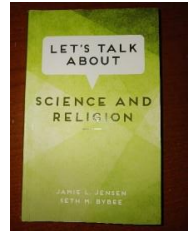
- **On page 35** they say that Satan “seeks to infuse doubt into our minds when we encounter something in science that seems to disagree with what we thought about the world.”
- So just what did we think about the world? That man was made by God, not from a monkey? Is that one of the things we thought about the world that we will have to let go of? Or perhaps that God placed different kinds of animals on the earth, does that have to go too?

Teach Evolution At Home



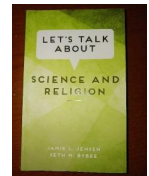
- **On page 35** they call for parents to “teach science in your homes”; by this do they mean teach evolution in your homes? They want you to teach the gospel alongside evolution, but this is only to make the difficult process of converting people to evolution easier. Evolution isn’t natural, it doesn’t make sense, and it takes lots of brainwashing to swallow.
- They go on to say this teaching can be done ‘bathed in the light of the gospel’
- These are like oil and water, they don’t mix! Only the most superficial vague version of Christianity can allow evolution, not the full scope of the restoration.

Concerned with Rising Secularity?



- **On page 35** they ironically claim to be “concerned with the rising secularity in the youth. We suggest that the solution is to endow your children (and yourself) with the truth, with the real science and, if needed, seeking and offering ways to reconcile science with what we believe.”
- Again, here they attack any science which isn't pro-evolution as not being the “real science,” and they equate evolution with “the truth.”
- And boy are they right, there will be lots of reconciling to be done, because the truth of evolution and the truth of God are two very different things.

“A Complete understanding”



- **On page 37** they call for “a complete understanding of science.” Does that mean acceptance of evolution? They claim that understanding evolution is the only way to be inoculated against “alternative ideas from the world that may shake our testimonies.”
- Are they referring to a testimony of evolution? Is their deepest fear is that their carefully established evolutionary worldview (which they have dedicated their lives to) might be wrong? And what alternative ideas are they referring to?
- By advocating evolution, they are aligning themselves with the voice of the world.
- The only conclusion we can make is that the alternative views they are referring to are actually correct views of creation, which don't match evolution.

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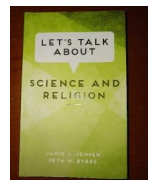
Confidence in Joseph Smith's Teachings

"I have that absolute confidence in every vision, in every manifestation, in every revelation that has come to us through the Prophet Joseph Smith. I know he spoke the truth. ... Everything has worked out harmoniously and according to the revelations we find in the Old Testament and in the New."

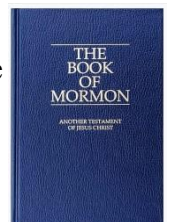
President Joseph Fielding Smith (1876–1972), "Joseph Smith's First Prayer," *Improvement Era*, June 1960, 401.

Which do we choose, teachings of the bible and the restoration, or teachings of evolution which are routinely contradictory?

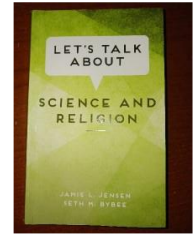
Certainty Should Be Our Reality



- **On page** 38 they begin an entire chapter titled "Comfort with Uncertainty." They advocate that it's ok for us to feel bad about evolution and how much it contradicts religion.
- Shouldn't these bad feelings warn us?
- Aren't we supposed to heed the spirit which warns us of falsehood, rather than dismiss these impressions into a category of uncomfortable acceptance? Christ taught that "ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:32). The Book of Mormon which 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).



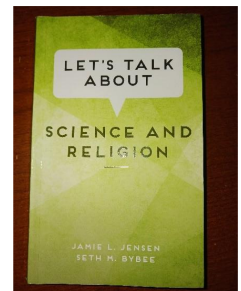
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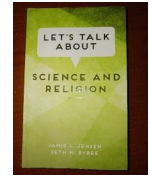
- **On page 38** they point out that we must “recognize that in both science and religion we still have much to learn.”
- But they don't acknowledge what we DO know about science and religion. Both directly contradict evolution theory.

Contradictory Information & Bogus Science

- **On page 42** they 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.”
- Are they saying that people are stupid for not accepting all mainstream science claims?
- Are they insisting that any views which don't align with what mainstream science journals happen to be promoting at the time are mistaken?
- Have they forgotten the many times that science has gotten it wrong?



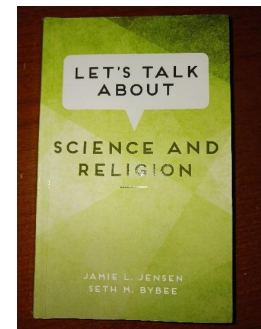
Wait Millions of Years to Figure This Out?



- **On page 38** they call for “time to learn and progress without having to make a decision that places science [evolution] and religion at odds with one another.”
- Evolution is so backwards, that they’ll probably need a few million years to make it sound like it matches the gospel of Christ! What is taking them so long to figure this one out?
- 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), and evolution’s one goal is to persuade people to NOT believe in Christ.

Faith Until Science?

- **On page 46** they claim, “Lastly, if learning scientific theories puts your faith in jeopardy, choose your faith. Choose your **faith until you can better understand the science** (or until science can provide better explanations).”
- **On page 38** they ironically claim that “we need to learn to feel comfortable with not having all the information right now.”
- This is a correct principle, but the irony is that they have done it backward: they dismiss scriptures and favor secular theories as the best source of information instead.
- Chose faith first forever!



We Chose Faith 1st & Forever

- 1. This passage appears to say, 'If you're still too ignorant to accept evolution, okay... But, eventually you'll have to accept it. In the meantime, we will perfect our brainwashing methods since no one could rationally reject evolution.'
- 2. The passage seems to indicate that we can choose our faith "until" we understand science. Does this imply that at that point we will then choose science instead of faith? Harmony of science and religion cannot work when falsehoods are being promoted in science. Only when we have true science will it match with our true religion as found in the standard works. A dogmatic unwillingness to let go of evolution will never result in harmony with religion.
- 3. The whole theme of the book is that we need to adopt an evolutionary worldview and adjust our religious thinking to accommodate evolution.
- 4. They think disbelief in evolution is because of poor teaching. The authors must accept that no matter how well they teach evolution, many people will reject it on moral scriptural logical rational natural and scientific grounds. We've all heard people blame the failure of bogus systems, like socialism and communism, on incorrect delivery methods.
- 5. Faith isn't something that goes away when you learn how things work. Faith is a trust in a process you have proven to be true, which you can rely on to accomplish future works. Joseph Smith taught this in the 1st Lecture on Faith.

Conclusion

- They are pushing evolution at BYU.
- Evolution science isn't reliable.
- The restored gospel doesn't mesh with evolution.
- Let's embrace the truth! That's how we save testimonies!

Should Saints Push Evolution?

Many Latter-day Saints are unaware that Darwinian evolution is being pushed at our beloved church owned tithing funded Brigham Young University. After all, Brigham himself taught against Darwin, and wanted a school where Darwin would be refuted. The saints are familiar with doctrines of the creation very different from evolution theory. They are taught that mankind are the “direct lineal offspring of deity” (1909 First Presidency, “The Origin of Man.”). Certainly, evolution theory, which holds that mankind came into existence from a long line of animals and a common ancestor of living slime, should repulse the saints.

In this presentation, a point-by-point rebuttal is presented to respond to the 2023 “Let’s Talk About Science and Religion” book published by Deseret Book. Sadly, this book, by BYU professors, directly advocates evolution. They say evolution is the fact, and we must shape our religion to fit with it. They insist on injecting evolution into the scriptures. They ignore hundreds of quotes from modern prophets against evolution, and they ignore the scientific issues with evolution theory.

Truly the church has been consistent in rejecting evolution, even from the days of Joseph Smith, who taught that each kind of animal has irrefutable limits that cannot be passed. Joseph also taught of the worldwide flood of Noah. Evolutionists reject the worldwide flood because it proves that the fossils aren’t millions of years old but were made just a few thousand years ago. When we can demonstrate that the Earth need not be so old as they claim, the key to their theory, time, proves to be foolishness. Furthermore, Brigham Young and other prophets taught repeatedly that mankind was born by God naturally. After all, we are the same species as God. His “offspring.” The Bible and Book of Mormon testify together that death was brought into the world by the Fall of Adam – a very different picture than evolution’s millions of years of death and evolving. Russel M. Nelson preached that the Earth was a “paradise planet” before the Fall. That doesn’t sound like survival of the fittest! No, God brought different kinds of animals here, and he made humans for this planet too. Being born “of the dust” is a figure of speech for natural birth – we were all born of the dust (see Moses 6:59). When we are acquainted with the glorious revelations about the creation and origin of man, we don’t need to fumble about with the theories of men, which theories were designed to paint a picture of creation which is ‘natural’ and without God. No inspiration can come from such theories.

Furthermore, many scientific findings demonstrate that evolution theory is on its way out. From the law of entropy to the laws of genetic limits, to fraudulent hominid ape-man claims, the 200-year chains of evolution theory are beginning to be exposed for the malicious false theory they are.

Join us in a fun easy-to-read presentation to help you become acquainted with scientific and doctrinal claims of evolutionists in the church and how to respond to these claims. Science and the doctrines related to it are very important aspects of modern culture we should be equipped to have faithful gospel-centered scripture-centered restoration-centered rebuttals to. Indeed, in the restoration we have a much more joyful and coherent explanation for life than evolution theory can offer. Come and see!

