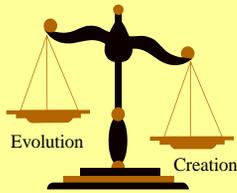


Creation Versus Evolution



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Christian Attempts to “Incorporate” Evolution

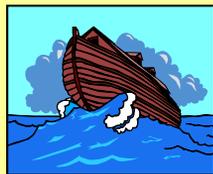
1. Theistic Evolution – God created BY evolution

2. Progressive Creation – The Lord created some species, let them “play” for a while, then created new species, etc., over billions of year.

While theistic evolution follows the evolution story and thus is stuck with its scientific weaknesses, progressive creation gets rid of some of the fossil record issues.

❖ Both say Genesis 1 is not a historical account, because the order is wrong. Plants are created *before* aquatic animals, which is not the progression supposedly shown by the fossils

❖ Both require the Flood to be local, but “The water prevailed more and more upon the earth, so that all the high mountains everywhere under the heavens were covered” (Gen 7:19)



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3. The Gap Theory

Genesis 1:1-2a “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and void...” (The Hebrew word could mean “became.”)

What fills in the “gap”? Isaiah 14:12-14

“How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn...But you said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven...I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.’”

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Problems With The Gap Theory

❖ Inconsistent with Exodus 20:11, “For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day.”

❖ It demands a lot from a “gap” that most Hebrew scholars indicate is not there. The Hebrew word *hayethah* can mean “became,” but ONLY in the right context. There is no context to suggest that we should view the word that way.

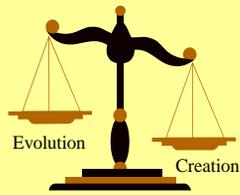
Are These Views HERETICAL?

Absolutely NOT! The issue is **INTERPRETATION**

1 Chronicles 16:30: Tremble before Him, all the earth; Indeed, the world is firmly established, **it will not be moved.**”

Matthew 24:34: Truly I say to you, this **generation** will not pass away until all these things take place.

The Evidence for Creation



DESIGN

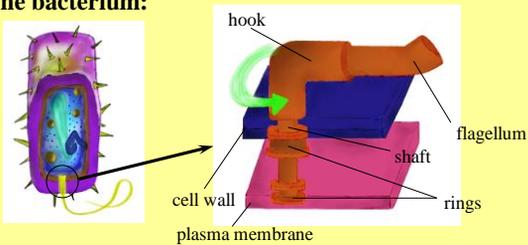
The Argument From Design



Did the computer:
a. Form via an earthquake at Radio Shack?
b. Have a designer?

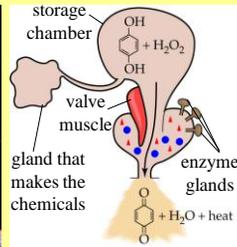
Organisms That Possess Advanced Engineering

The bacterium:



This flagellum twirls around and around in a circle. It rarely stops for any extended amount of time, and it never breaks down.

The Bombardier Beetle Has An Amazing Defense Mechanism



Has a fully-functional chemical weapon. Human science didn't come up with such weapons until World War I!

Organisms That Possess Advanced Engineering

The clownfish and the sea anemone:

The sea anemone's stingers paralyze fishes. It uses a sophisticated chemical detection system. Since the clownfish masks the chemical detected by the stingers, it can swim freely in them. This provides protection for the clownfish and lures food to the sea anemone.



More Amazing Symbiosis

Crematogaster Ants and the Acacia Tree:

Crematogaster ants live on *Acacia* trees. The trees provide them with food and shelter, and the soldier ants attack any intruders. The tree's flowers release ANT REPELLANT so the tree can still reproduce.

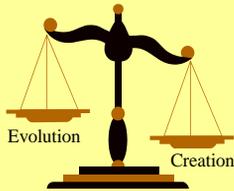


When humans tried to "protect" *Acacia* trees from large herbivores, the trees became SICKLY because they stopped putting resources into this relationship.

The Words of Sir Frederick Hoyle:

“...A common sense interpretation of the facts suggests that a **superintellect** has monkeyed with physics, as well as with chemistry and biology, and that there are no blind forces worth speaking about in nature. The numbers one calculates from the facts seem to me so overwhelming as to **put this conclusion almost beyond question.**”

The Evidence Against Evolution



The Fossil Record



Evolution Assumes That Life is ALWAYS Changing

but...

That's not what we see in the Fossil Record

If evolution really happened, you would expect to see transitional life forms in the fossil record



In fact, since it would probably take several transitional forms to link one kind of animal to another, you would expect MORE transitional forms than static forms.

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but...

“Geological research... has done scarcely anything in breaking the distinction between species, by connecting them together by numerous, fine, intermediate varieties; and this not having been affected, is probably the gravest and most obvious of all the many objections which can be raised against my views.” -**Charles Darwin**

**It was bad for evolution in Darwin’s Time
But it’s WORSE now!**

“Well, we are now about 120 years after Darwin, and knowledge of the fossil record has been greatly expanded...ironically, we have *even fewer examples* of evolutionary transition than we had in Darwin’s time. By this I mean that some of the classic cases of Darwinian change in the fossil record, such as the evolution of the horse in North America, have had to be discarded or modified as the result of more detailed information.” -**David Raup**

1999: A Summary of the Fossil Record by
Jeffrey H. Schwartz:

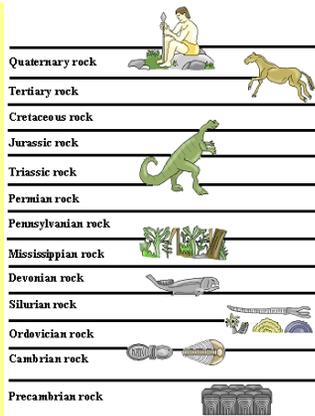
“...according to Darwin...the fossil record should be rife with examples of transitional forms leading from the less to more evolved...Instead of filling the gaps in the fossil record with so-called missing links, most paleontologists found themselves facing a situation in which there were only gaps in the fossil record, with no evidence of transformational intermediates between documented fossil species.”

2007: Another Summary by *Eugene V. Koonin:*

“Major transitions in biological evolution show...sudden emergence of diverse forms at a new level of complexity. The relationships between major groups... do not seem to fit the tree pattern that...remains the dominant description of biological evolution...In each of these pivotal nexuses in life's history, the principal 'types' seem to appear rapidly and fully equipped with the signature features of the respective new level of biological organization. No intermediate 'grades' or intermediate forms between different types are detectable.”

The Geological Column Used to be considered Great Evidence for Evolution

but...



In 1909, Charles Walcott was on a fossil dig. As the director of the Smithsonian, he was well-versed in evolution and a fervent believer.

He was digging in Cambrian rock, which is supposedly 550 million years old. He was surprised to see complex fossils in this rock

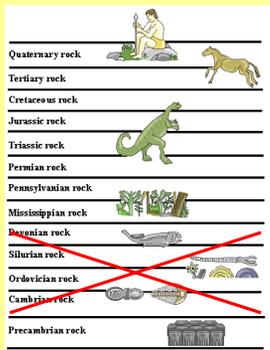


He found representatives from *every* major animal phylum. This means he found every basic body plan of living organisms in this “ancient” rock.

These Fossils Presented Two Problems

1. The “geological column” was considered gospel truth. These fossils showed it to be wrong!

2. There was no way “simple” invertebrates could have evolved into the myriad of body plans he found in just a few tens of millions of years



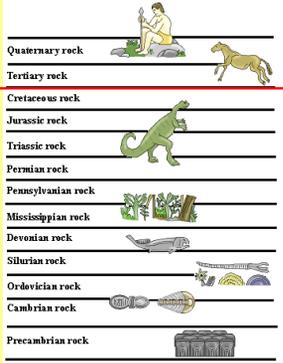
Walcott’s Fossils, **60,000 in all**, demonstrate what evolutionists call the “**Cambrian Explosion**.” It is a mystery in evolution.



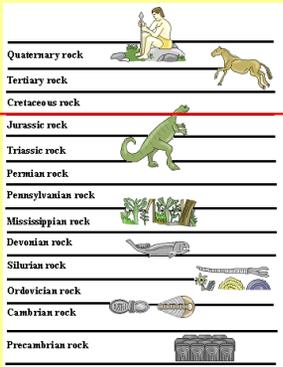
“Authors of high school textbooks and even introductory courses in biology still ignore these data. In the college classes I teach, I regularly encounter students who are being taught the tale of invertebrates gradually evolving into vertebrates. At \$15,000 per year tuition, that’s an expensive error.”

-Dr. Gerald L. Schroeder

Other Problems with the Geological Column



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Questions
