



Creation-Evolution Definitions

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Evolution:

Evolution is not a proven fact, despite what the majority of evolutionary scientists believe. Though promoted dogmatically as a proven fact, evolution is an unsubstantiated hypothesis based on the belief that man and animals evolved through minute changes over time, from lower life

forms. These lower life forms, the theory continues, evolved from non-living substances. Evolution then, is a series of self-guided changes over time from non-living elements that move in a direction toward more and more complex forms until they come together to form the most complex life form of all, humans.

One major problem for the theory of evolution is found in what scientists call "The Cambrian Explosion." In the very first layers of sedimentary rock in the lowest part of the geologic column, every form of animal life from every phyla appears fully functional, completely formed with no transitional forms existing prior to their appearance.

Darwinism:

Darwin's observations of the slow erosional processes of rivers lead him to believe that these processes had always occurred at the same slow rate throughout geological time. Therefore, it must have taken long ages of time to form the geological formation that he could see. Darwin also believed that minute changes in living creatures could bring about differences and entirely new species over time through the process of natural selection. These changes would have to be beneficial to the new developing species. Changes that were not beneficial would not be passed on to the next generation. He had doubts about his own theory and explained in the sixth chapter of his book, *The Origin of Species*, that if the fossil record did not show evidence of this change over time in the animal species, then his theory would not be valid.

If Darwinian evolution were true, then scientists should not be able to identify anything in the fossil record. All that could be observed would be one species changing into something else. What is observed in the fossil record is either stasis

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(species stay the same) or extinction (species go out of existence). There has never been found in the fossil record, one single, valid transitional fossil. Some claims have been made that transitional forms have been found, but these were later dismissed after being scrutinized.

Neo-Darwinism:

This is the modern version of Darwinian evolution. Since DNA and the complexities of the cell structure were not yet discovered, Darwin was not aware of the mechanism for the change he wrote about. Neo-Darwinists believe that the small scale changes that can be observed within a species (what is called micro-evolution) can be multiplied and compounded into large-scale changes (macro-evolution) that produce entirely new species. These changes are believed to occur through mutations of the genetic information. Mutations, which are random copying mistakes in the inheritable information passed from the parents to the offspring, have been shown to be 99.9% harmful and the remaining 0.01% are neutral. Since Neo-Darwinists realize that beneficial mutations are extremely rare (we say non-existent) they believe that the process of evolution would be an extremely slow process.

Creationists and evolutionists agree that micro-evolution does occur. There does exist within each kind of animal the genetic variation to produce small scale changes. This is the genetic information that is programmed in every living thing. Not all dogs look alike, there is a wide range of size, color, ear shape, hair, etc. However, they are all dogs. The same is true of Darwin's finches. There is considerable variation in size, feathers, beak shape and size, but they are all still finches. This is microevolution – change within a kind. Macro-evolution, or change from one kind of animal to something completely different does not exist. Biologists understand that the DNA, the genetic information in one animal, does not contain information to produce another kind of animal.

Punctuated Equilibrium:

Since the fossil record contains no evidence of transitional forms, the theory of Punctuated Equilibrium was developed by Stephen J. Gould, the leading evolutionary geologist before his death, that explained that since there was no evidence for gradual changes in species over long periods of time, then the changes must have taken place within one generation. This was also known as the Hopeful Monster theory. Essentially this theory says that one kind of animal could give birth or hatch a completely different kind of animal that was fully formed and fully functional. Say a salamander laid an egg and out hatched a chickadee. Or a perch could lay an egg and out would hatch a frog, or a chimpanzee could give birth to a human child. This theory never gained much favor because of its absurdity.

The main problem with this theory is the same with the others, there is no genetic material within the DNA of one creature to produce another kind of creature. There is only the variation within a kind. Biblical "kind" is not the same a mod-

ern “species.”

Creation:

When we speak of Creation we mean Biblical Creation as stated in Genesis. God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit created the Universe, our solar system, and all life on earth, including humans, in six literal days and rested on the seventh. There are several compromise theories out there that try to make the Bible fit in with science. I will try to give you a brief explanation of what they are and their flaws.

Theistic Evolution:

This theory is promoted by Hugh Ross and others and it proposes that God started evolution and just let it go and take its course. Amino acids came together in a primordial soup (this has been shown scientifically, numerous times that it could never have happened) and evolved over time into chimps and humans. When God saw that evolution had produced the first man, He placed His Spirit into this man and named him Adam. This theory has a problem trying to explain how Eve came from Adam's side. Or was there a major coincidence of a female ape evolving at the same time? This is a statistical impossibility. This means that there was an entire race that lived and died before Adam. All forms of animals lived and died before Adam came on the scene. This cannot possibly be the case since Romans 5:12 states that death entered because of one man's sin and there could be no death until Adam sinned. Therefore, there could not have been millions of years of animals being born and dying prior to the Original Sin. If there was death before sin, then why did Jesus have to die a horrible death on the cross?

Day-Age Theory:

This theory attributes long periods of time, millions of years, to each of the days in the Creation week. The Day-Age theory has a hard time explaining many of the things seen in the geologic column and the order of their appearance. Plants appear on Day Three of the Creation week, but the sun did not show up until Day Four millions of years later. How could the plants survive without the sun? A careful examination of this theory exposes its feeble attempt to make the Bible fit in with science. Many theologians fear science because scientists are supposed to “know everything.” They believe science, which is man's knowledge, and place it above the Bible which is God's Word. His knowledge is far above man's knowledge. More and more scientists are rejecting the lies of evolution.

The Gap Theory:

This is another compromise theory that places millions of years between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2. It attributes the formation of the geological structures and the fossil record to this inferred time period. Gap theorists believe there were animals and an entire race of people (which they call the Pre-Adamic race) that lived and died before Adam was created. They believe that God judged these people, sent a flood to destroy the earth, and started all over again. This is in direct contradiction to Scripture. God clearly states in the Ten Commandments, written with His own

...inger, that He created everything in six regular days. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but He rested on the seventh day.” (Exod 20:11).

Intelligent Design:

More and more scientists are rejecting the theory of evolution as they recognize that it could not possibly have occurred. They have enough scientific integrity, when viewing the evidence presented to them, to understand that there is no mechanism for evolution. These scientists recognize the design present in all life and in the organization of the entire universe. These high-powered scientists have come to the realization that the beauty of the design they can clearly observe had to come from some intelligence not of this world. They call this the Intelligent Designer. Some of these scientists have accepted that God is the name of this Designer, but many have not.

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