

Apologetics

Creation vs. Evolution; and the Fossil Record

Genesis 1:9 – 2:4

What is ‘evolution’ and what is ‘natural selection’?

- Darwin’s theory of Evolution
 - Life developed and changed form from the very simple to complex
 - All species, all life related and came from the same ‘ancestor’
 - Molecules to Man, nothing to something
 - Increase in genetic information gives rise to new life-forms, species or abilities
 - Happened by random chance, non-directed, uncontrolled
- Evolution is used as a ‘buzz word’ to describe a change or development
- Natural Selection
 - Those individuals best suited to environment survive, reproduce and pass on their genetic information
 - ‘Undesirable’ traits removed from collective gene pool, individuals die and don’t reproduce
 - Gives rise to different appearance and features of species, but still same kind
 - Separate concept to evolution and fits with observational science

Could God have used ‘evolution’?

- In a word; no, in several words; no way, not a chance
- Theory of evolution requires billions of years, no creation and man developing from amoeba
- Evolution removes God from the picture and since God made the picture in the first place the presence of our Creator God rules out evolution
- The account of evolution also doesn’t fit with the Bible and Jesus accepted Genesis as literal history

Hasn’t ‘evolution’ been scientifically proven?

- Comparative anatomy
 - Comparing the structure and composition of the anatomy of different animals; supposedly to show a common ancestor
 - Similar appearance and common ‘origin’ mean a connection, but function doesn’t
 - Images of complete limbs often shown in text books and bones compared, ignoring how they develop and how they work
- ‘Missing links’
 - Supposedly the intermediary forms between earlier, simpler creatures and modern ones
 - Suspicious lack of any real hard evidence for their existence
 - This is an area of science where guesses, blind ‘faith’, assumptions and theories are used in place of fact and the artists interpretation rules
 - ‘Ape-men’ – combinations of ape and human bones, anthropomorphosised apes or making a ‘monkey’ out of man

- All 'ape-men' found to be living ape, extinct ape or human (or something completely different)
- Genetic mutations
 - Supposedly the key to the workings of evolution, little random mutations cause new things to happen and new creatures to form
 - Cause a loss of information, through deletion, rearrangement or 'typos'
 - May gain new function or altered function, but always loss of information and compromise of original
 - Antibiotic resistance isn't evolution it is either loss or replacement of information
- Nothing to something
 - Molecules to man evolution ignores 'Law of Biogenesis' (good observational science)
 - Miller-Urey experiment of early 1950's done to show how life could have begun from nothing
 - Required highly intelligent and creative thought, circumstances that are unprovable and it failed in the end anyway

What about the fossil record?

- Fossils are created when the organic matter of a creature, plant (or hat) are replaced by minerals and harden like stone
- Considered to be remnants of ancient geological ages, but remember fossils don't come with a date stamp
- The remains of dead plants and animals buried in rock layers, not 'record of life in the geological past'
- Supposedly extinct, fossilised creatures and plants have been found alive and well; Coelacanth, Wollemi pine, etc
- Many secular scientists believe that some form of catastrophe accompanied the end of each of the pre-historic geological ages; or just 1 Biblical world-wide flood
- Order and position of fossils fits with Biblical frame work
 - Fossilised creatures feeding and giving birth means rapid and sudden death/burial
 - Fossilised footprints found without any weathering, rapid burial
 - Marine creatures at the bottom then smaller creatures then the larger ones, fits with Noah's global flood
 - Many fossilised creatures found upright, very rapid death/burial
 - Areas of dinosaur skin found fossilised and dinosaur eggs, suggests rapid burial and fossilisation
- Dinosaurs have appeared in one form or another throughout hundreds of cultures across the globe, cultures considered to be 'millions of years younger' than the last dinosaurs died out and also appear latter in the Bible

What does the world say?

- Scientists are all in agreement and have proven evolution and the fossil record demonstrates evolution in action
- Man developed from Ape-like creatures who evolved from amoeba
- 'Missing links' have been found and shown to be hundreds of millions of years old

- Dinosaurs are cool and disprove the Bible
- Christians don't believe in dinosaurs and dinosaurs are real so Christians must be wrong about everything else to
- Indoctrinated in 'facts' of evolution and 'millions of years' from early childhood onwards, not just through schooling
- Everyone's an expert, if you see it on TV it must be true

What does the Bible say?

- There was ONE creation, dinosaurs made along with other animals (Gen 1:1-2:4, Matt 24:38-39, Mark 10:3-9, Acts 4:24)
- All was created in six literal days, evolution was not an engine for creation (John 1:1-5)
- Man is special, not merely an accident of random, directionless chance (Matt 6:25-34)
- The order of creation rules out any possibility of a 'natural' process
- Jesus took Genesis as literal history; after all He was there
- The word dinosaur doesn't appear because it wasn't coined until the 1800's, but dinosaurs were mentioned in the Bible (Gen 1:21, Job 39:9-10, Job 41:1-2, Psalm 74:13, Job 40:15-24, Isaiah 30:6)

How to apply it?

- Remember that people have been secularised and indoctrinated in secular teachings and propaganda practically since birth
- Scientists have a perceived 'badge of authority', and can hold sway over peoples thinking; leading to acceptance of whatever they say
- Creationists and Evolutionists have the same evidence, just different glasses
- Understand the difference between 'evolution' and 'natural selection', then help others to understand that before getting into any heated debate
- Evolution has become a 'buzz word' and has invaded culture like a plague of the mind, it won't be easy going
- Dinosaurs are our friends, not adversaries or tricks of satan; think of them as 'missionary lizards'

Further Reading

The New Answers books edited by Ken Ham

Refuting Evolution 1 & 2 by Jonathan Sarfati

Darwin's Black Box by Michael J. Behe

The Language of God by Dr Francis Collins

Dinosaurs by Design by Dr Duane Gish

Bones of Contention by Marvin Lubenow

Evolution: The Fossils Still say No! by Dr Duane Gish

Great Dinosaur Mystery Solved by Ken Ham

The great dinosaur mystery and the Bible by Paul S. Taylor

The Lie: Evolution by Ken Ham