

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.

- ☞ Genesis 1 is not a historical account, because the order is wrong. For example, plants are created *before* aquatic animals, which is not the progression that is said to be shown in the fossil record.
- ☞ Require the Flood to be local, but the Bible says “The water prevailed more and more upon the earth, so that all the high mountains everywhere under the heavens were covered” (Gen 7:19)

Are These Views HERETICAL?

Absolutely NOT! The issue is **INTERPRETATION**

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

Matthew 5:29 - If your right eye makes you stumble, **tear it out and throw it from you**; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

Do you take THESE passages at their face value? I expect not. A proper approach to the Bible takes into account that not ALL of it is historical narrative.

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.’”

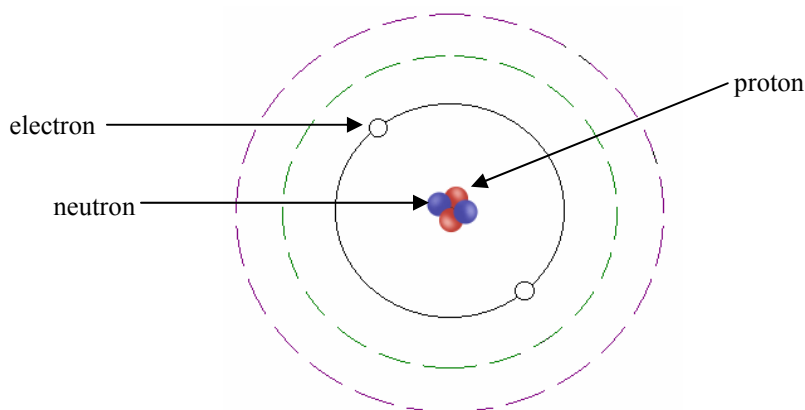
- ☞ It is inconsistent with Exodus 20:11, “For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day.”
- ☞ It demands a lot from a “gap” that most Hebrew scholars indicate is not there. Although the Hebrew word *hayethah* can mean “became,” it does so **ONLY** in the right context. There is no context to suggest that we should view the word with anything other than its standard definition.

The Evidence for Creation: DESIGN

Did a computer:

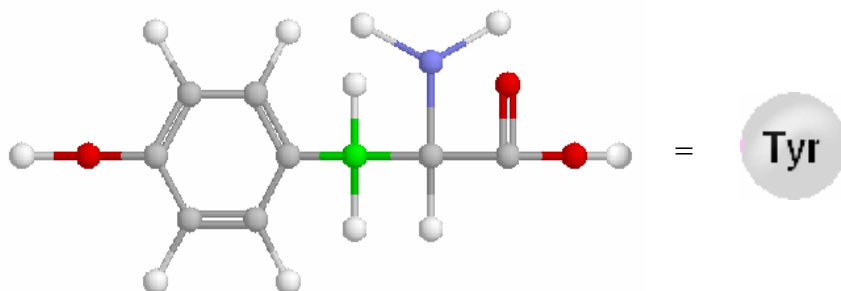
- Form via an earthquake at Radio Shack?
- Have a designer?

ATOMIC STRUCTURE

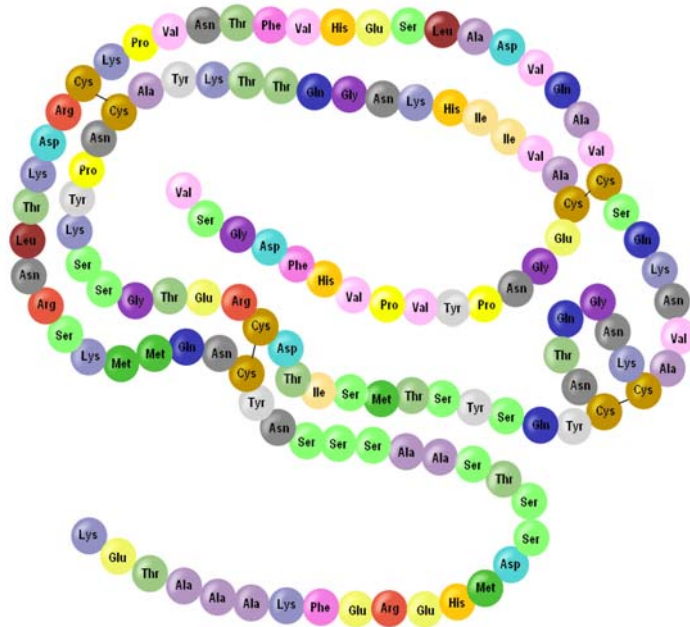


- Neutron / Proton mass ratio **cannot** vary by more than 0.2%
- Electron / Proton mass ratio **cannot** vary more than 2%
- Electron / Proton charge difference **must** be less than 0.00000001%

Atoms link together to form molecules, such as amino acids



Amino Acids can link together to form proteins



This is the **SIMPLEST** protein of life, ribonuclease. It contains 124 amino acids linked together in a precise configuration. Chance of this occurring by natural processes:

1 in 10^{152}

Organisms That Possess Advanced Engineering

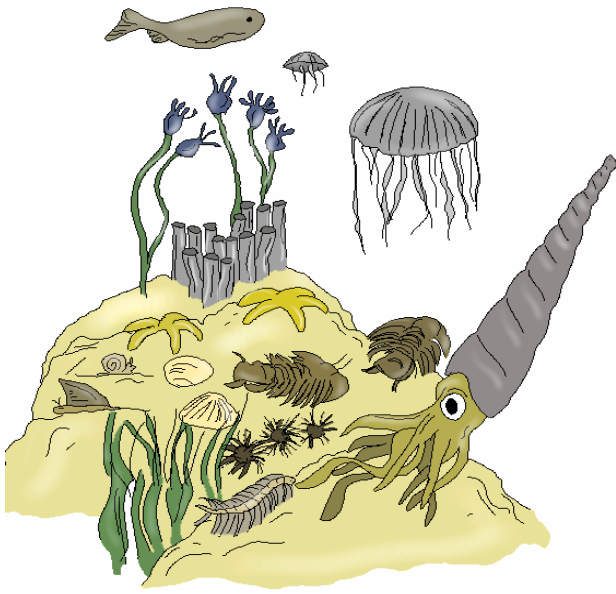
The Shark uses an ultra-sensitive, 3-dimensional electrical field sensor to find its prey. The sensor hones in on the electronic signatures of the electrochemical reactions that run a fish's muscles. It could pinpoint the precise location of a transistor radio battery 1,184 miles away. Human science cannot design a detector that is anything like it!

The sea anemone's sting paralyzes fish, EXCEPT for the clownfish. These stingers work with a sophisticated chemical detection system. Since the clownfish masks the one amino acid detected by the stingers, it can swim freely in them. This provides protection for the clownfish and lures other fish into the sea anemone for food.

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

This drawing represents some of the “oldest” fossils that paleontology has found (Cambrian fossils). With the exception of the trilobites pictured here, these same creatures exist today, essentially unchanged. The fossil record shows EXTINCTION, but NOT CHANGE.

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

“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.” -Dr. David Raup

“...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.”

-Dr. Jeffrey H. Schwartz

Structural Homology

This used to be considered evidence for evolution. The assumption is that these similar characteristics were all inherited from a common ancestor.

But now we KNOW BETTER!

“The evolutionary basis of homology is perhaps even more severely damaged by the discovery that apparently homologous structures are specified by quite different genes in different species...With the demise of any sort of straightforward explanation for homology one of the major pillars of evolution theory has become so weakened that its value as evidence for evolution is greatly diminished.”

-Dr. Michael Denton

Where are the Dinosaurs In the Bible?

Job 40:15-23

Behold now behemoth, **which I made with thee**; he eateth grass as an ox. Lo now, his strength is in his loins, and his force is in the navel of his belly. He moveth his tail like a cedar; the sinews of his stones are wrapped together. His bones are as strong pieces of brass; his bones are like bars of iron...Behold, he drinketh up a river, and hasteth not; he trusteth that he can draw up Jordan into his mouth.

Sounds like Apatosaurus, which used to be called Brontosaurus

Job 41:1-34

Canst thou draw out leviathan with an hook? or his tongue with a cord that thou lettest down? Canst thou put an hook into his nose? or bore his jaw through with a thorn?...Canst thou fill his skin with barbed irons? or his head with fish spears?...None is so fierce that dare stir him up...His scales are his pride...In his neck remaineth strength...When he raiseth up himself, the mighty are afraid...He esteemeth iron as straw and brass as rotten wood...The arrow cannot make him flee...Darts are counted as stubble...

Sounds like Plesiosaurus

The Bible Indicates That Humans and Dinosaurs Lived Together. Is there any evidence for this? YES!

Ancient Drawings Contain Incredibly Accurate Pictures of Dinosaurs

The Natural Bridges National Monument in the United States, for example, contains ancient artwork on rocks, all of which were drawn prior to the year A.D. 500. One of those pieces of artwork is a very good representation of apatosaurus. In the San Rafael Swell, there are ancient rock drawings from well over 1,000 years ago. One drawing accurately depicts a pteranodon. Arizona's Havasupai Canyon contains an ancient drawing of a creature that has the unmistakable proportions, stance, and tail of a theropod dinosaur. This is unlike any other kind of creature known to man. How in the world could people who lived long before paleontology accurately portray these creatures unless they saw them or were drawing them based on descriptions from those who saw them?