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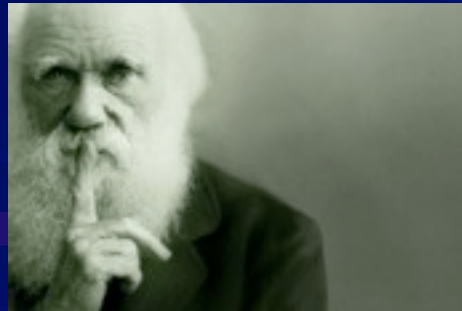
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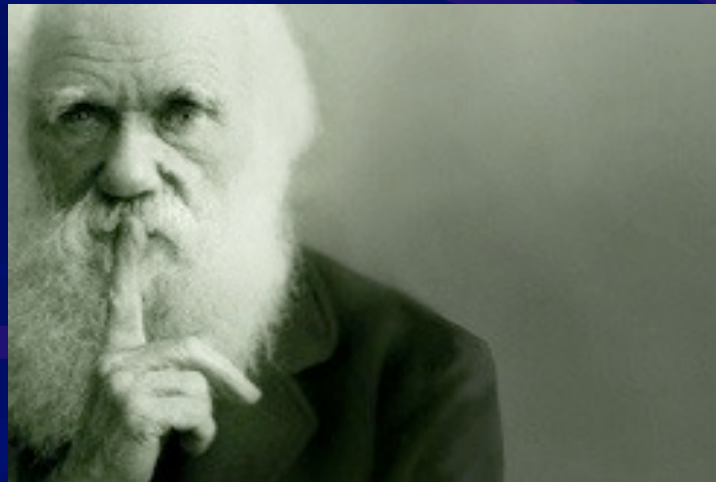
Introduction

- The tautologous and non-scientific-method-generated *hypothesis* (not a true scientific theory) of neo-Darwinian evolution has been well-established (even by humanists- quotes available).
- The fact that even macroevolutionist-refuted examples of evolution are consistently used in school text books and the fact that it is very difficult to find evolutionists willing to debate the issue speaks deafening volumes.

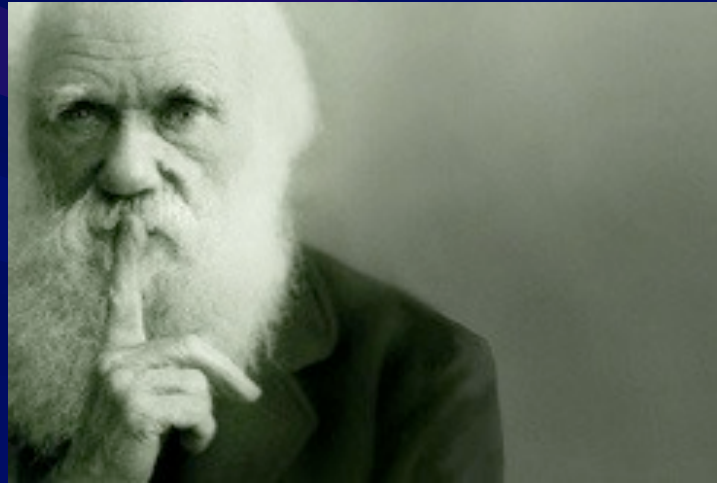


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- However, many believers argue that belief in neo-Darwinian evolution (ND) is irrelevant to our faith in Christ.
- While judgments regarding ultimate salvation must be left to the Lord, I believe the following statement is fair, accurate, and supported by documentary evidence.



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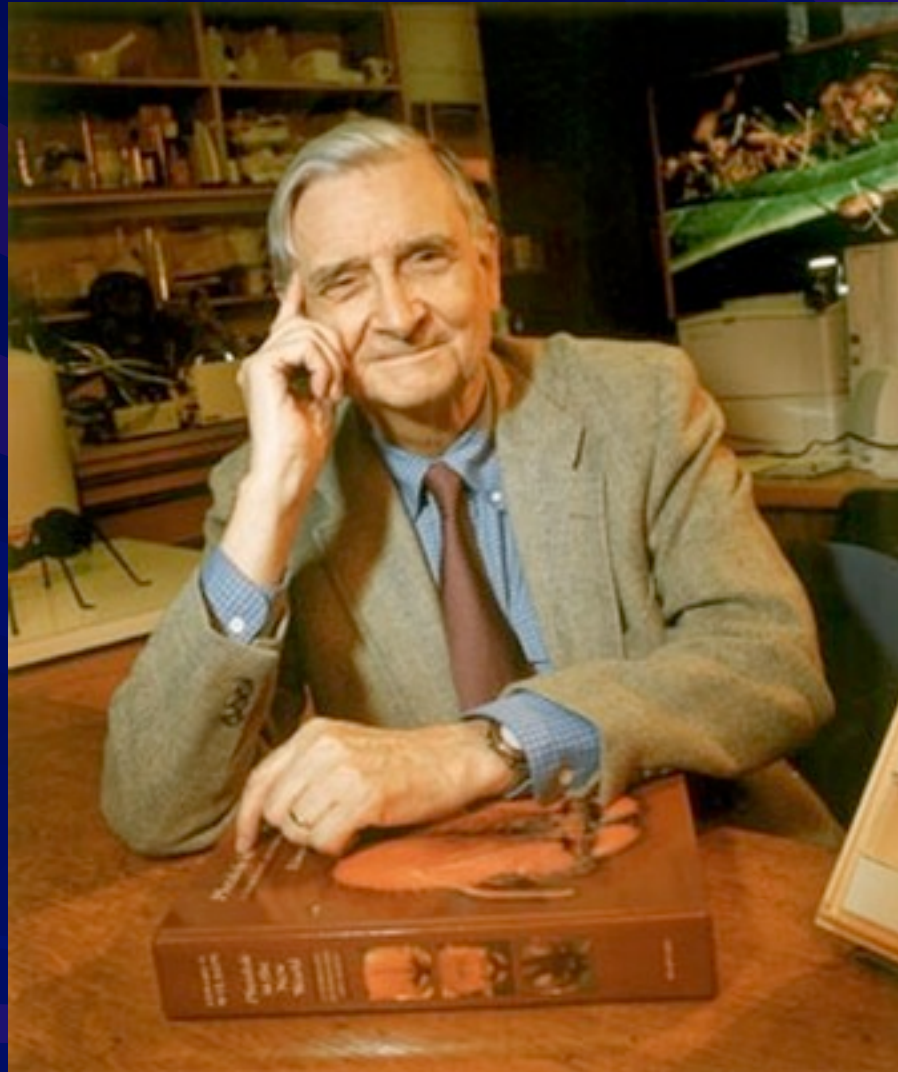




“... evolution itself, a theory universally accepted not because it can be proved by logically coherent evidence to be true but because the only alternative, special creation, is clearly incredible.”

- D. M. S., Watson,
“Adaptation,” *Nature*.
124:231-234, 1929
(Professor of Zoology
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Anatomy, Fellow of
the Royal Society,
University College,
London)

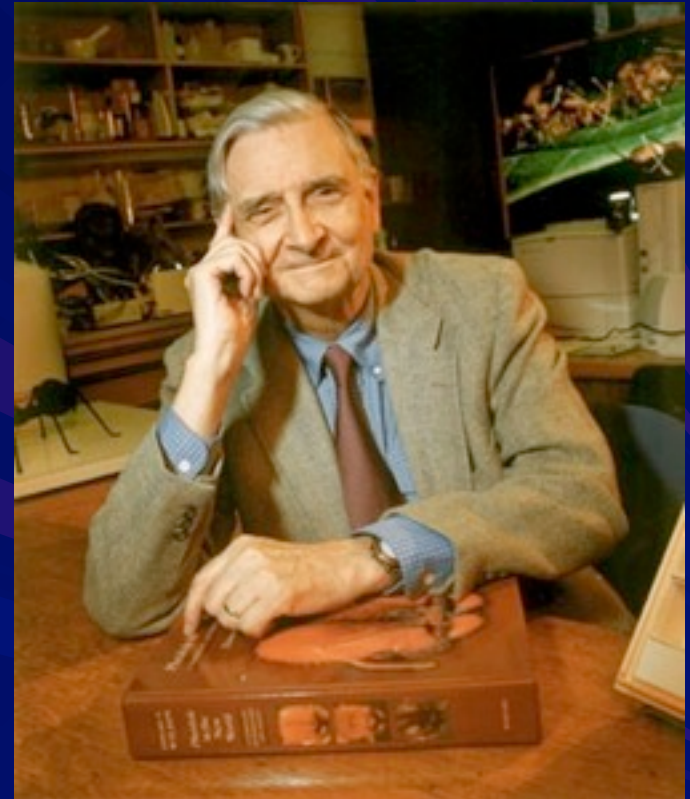




E.O. Wilson, Harvard University

“As were many persons from Alabama, I was a born-again Christian. When I was fifteen, I entered the Southern Baptist Church with great fervor and interest in the fundamentalist religion; I left at seventeen when I got to the University of Alabama and heard about evolutionary theory”

- E.O. Wilson, *The Humanist*, Vol 42, Sept/Oct, 1982, p. 40





"In the evolutionary pattern of thought, there is no longer either need or room for the supernatural. The earth was not created; it evolved. So did all the animals and plants that inhabit it, including our human selves, mind and soul as well as brain and body. So did religion."

- Sir Julian Huxley, "Evolution After Darwin", Speech at The Centennial Celebration of The Origin of Species, 1959, In Issues in Evolution, Vol. 3, ed. Sol Tax, 1960

"We are here because one odd group of fishes had a peculiar fin anatomy that could transform into legs for terrestrial creatures. . . We may yearn for a 'higher' answer--but none exists."

- Stephen J. Gould, "The Meaning of Life", *Life Magazine*, Dec. 1988



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"The time has come to take seriously the fact that we humans are modified monkeys, not the favored Creation of a Benevolent God. . . We must think again especially about our so-called 'ethical principles. . . As evolutionists we see that no (ethical) justification of the traditional kind is possible. . .

In an important sense, ethics as we understand it is an illusion."

- Michael Ruse and E.O. Wilson, "The Evolution of Ethics", in Religion and the Natural Sciences: The Range of Engagement, comp. James E. Huchingson, 1993



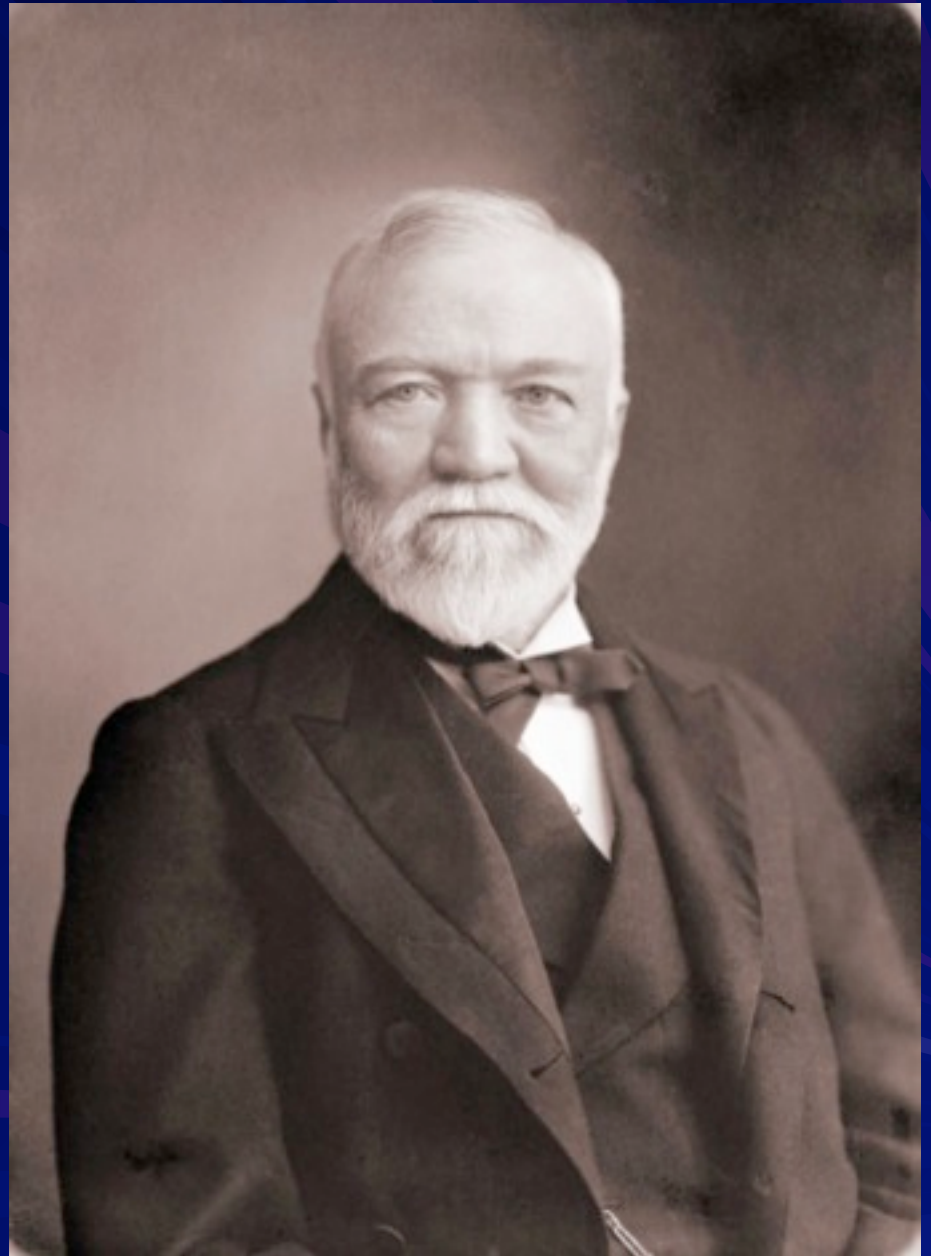
“Evolution thus becomes the most potent weapon for destroying the Christian faith.”

- A.J. Mattill Jr., “Three Cheers for the Creationists,” *Free Inquiry*, vol. 2 (Spring 1982)

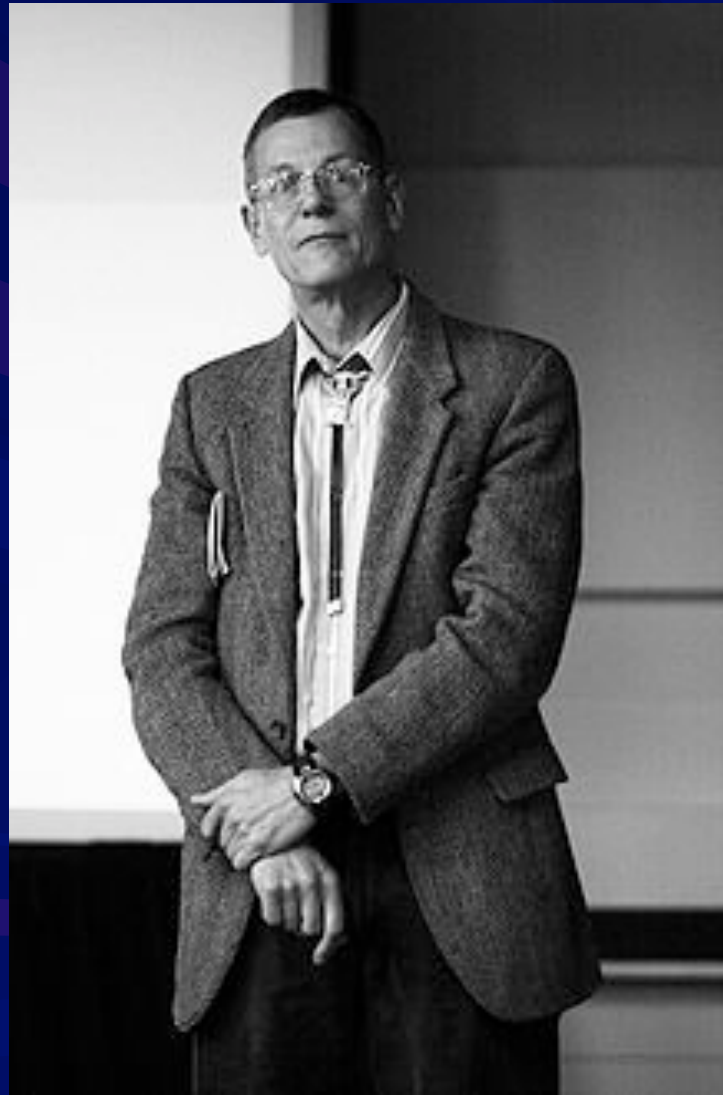
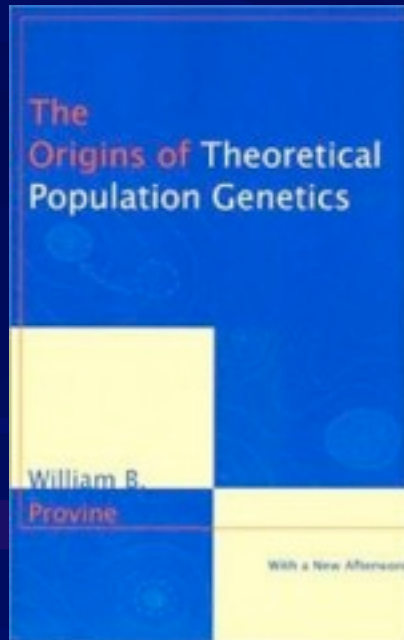


“I remember that light came in as a flood and all was clear. Not only had I got rid of theology and the supernatural but I found the truth of evolution.”

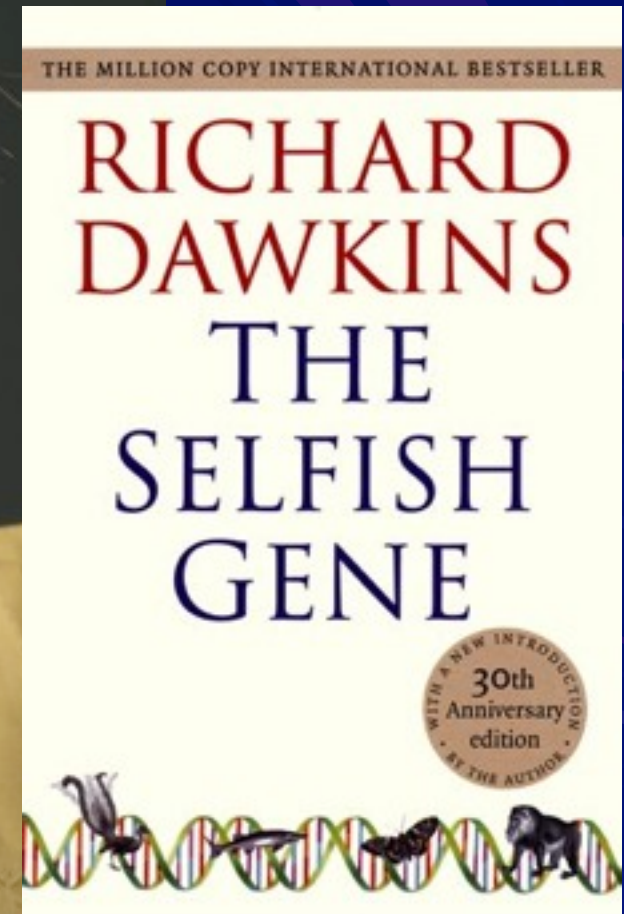
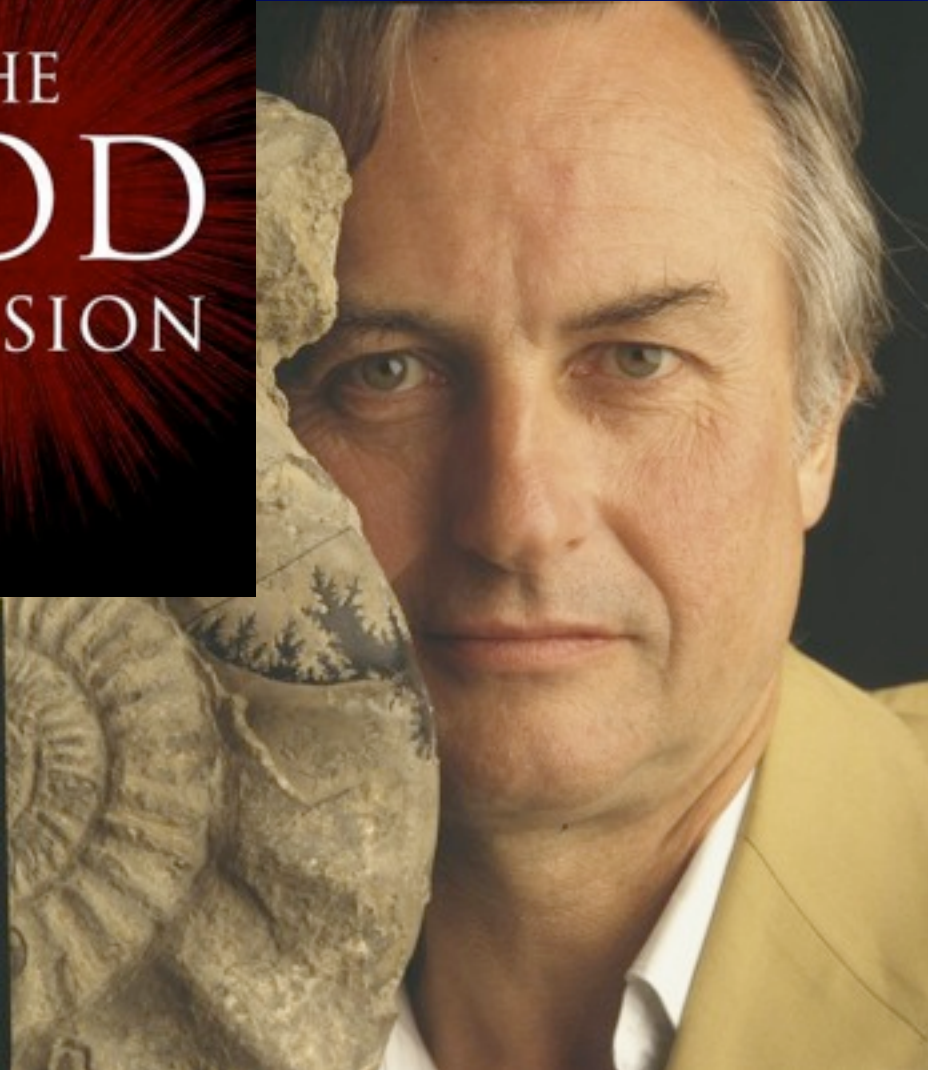
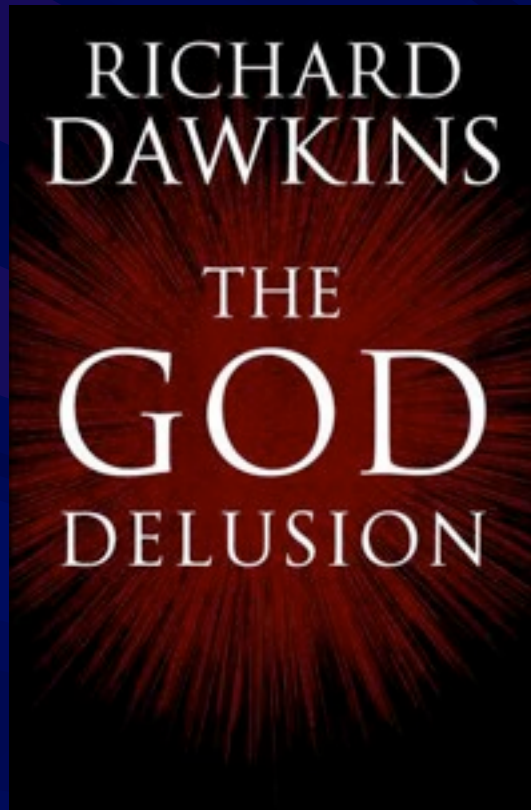
- Andrew Carnegie, Autobiography (Boston: 1920), cited in Social Darwinism in American Thought, by Richard Hofstadter (Boston: Beacon Press, 1955)



William B. Provine, Cornell University Converted to Atheism via Darwinian Evolution

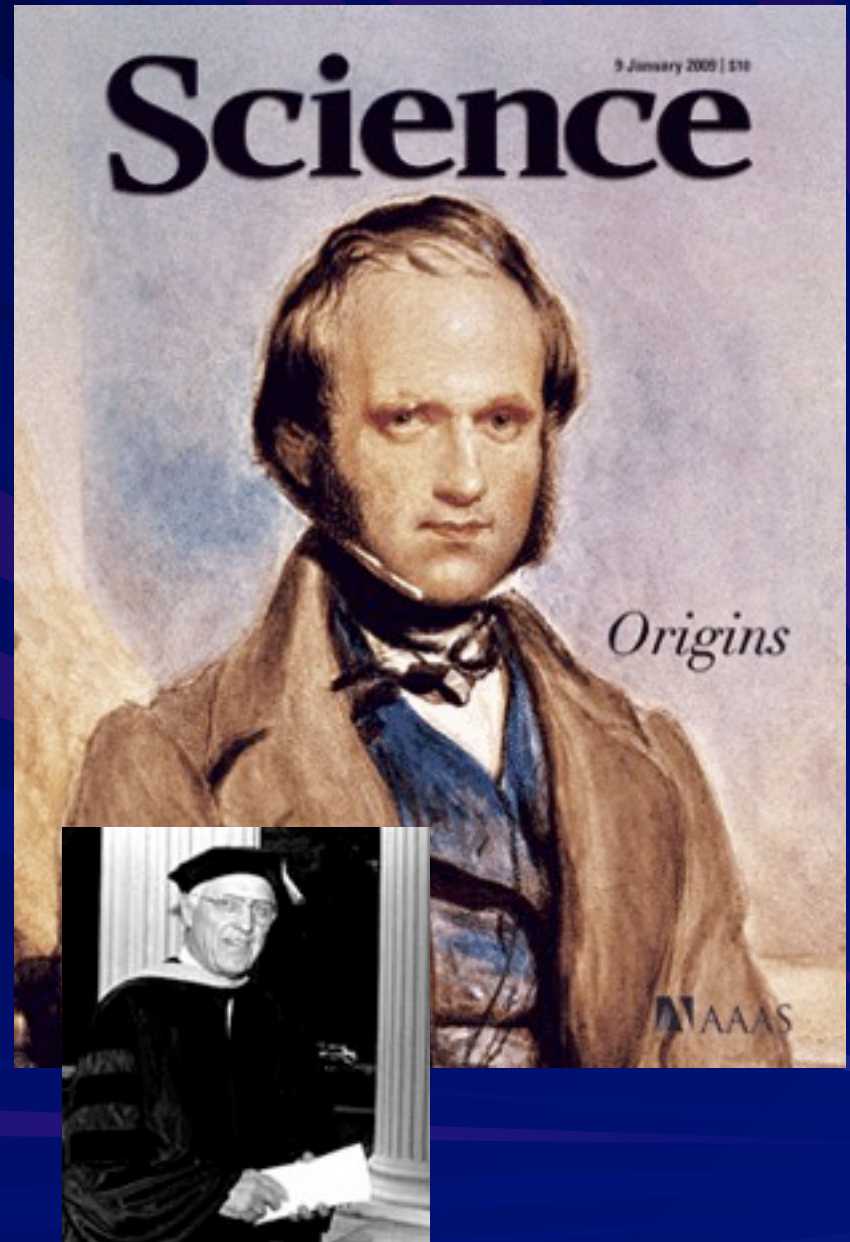


Richard Dawkins
Converted to Atheism via Darwinian Evolution



“Unbridled self-indulgence on the part of one generation without regard to future ones is the modus operandi of biological evolution and may be regarded as rational behavior.”

**- W. H. Murdy,
“Anthropocentrism: A Modern
Version,” *Science*, vol. 187
(March 28, 1975), pp. 1168-1172.
[Murdy was a Professor of
Biology, Emory University]**



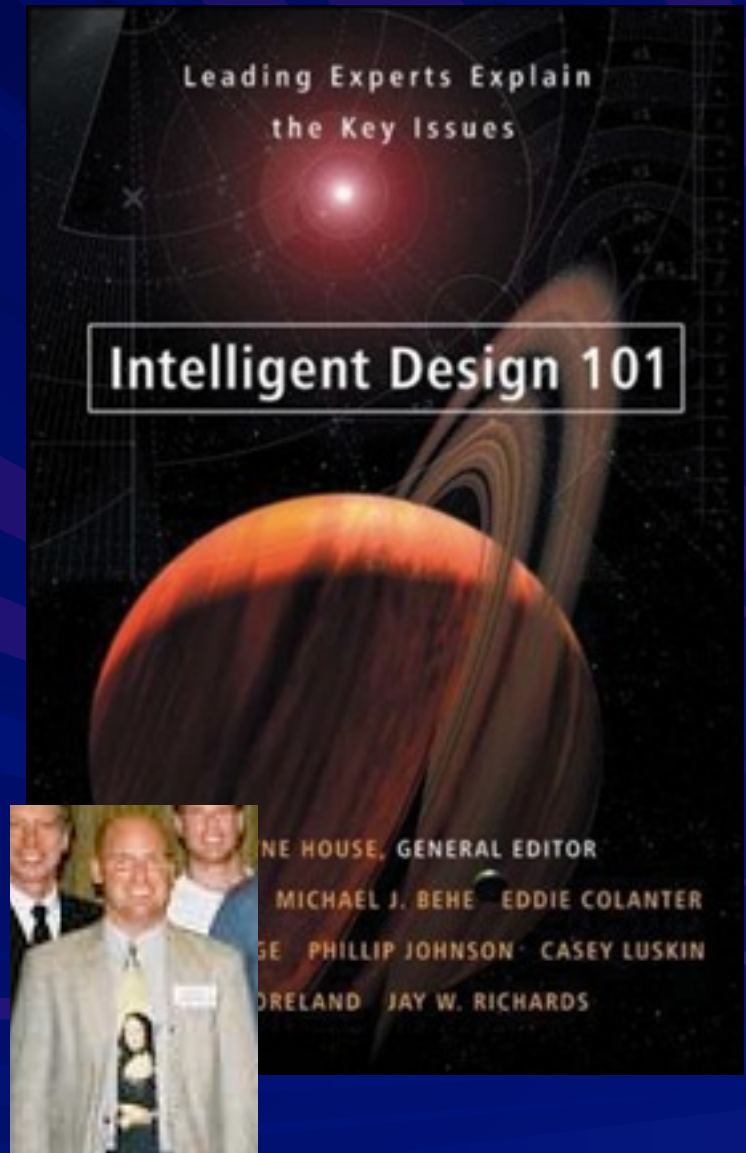
“Morality needs no supernatural sanctions or motivations. It is not heaven-sent; it is human-evolved. . . In the coming planetary civilization of a world-embracing humanism, those ‘religions’ that obstruct social advance must be subordinated. In the world of scientific humanism, religion will be obsolete”

-Lloyd Morain, and Oliver Reiser, “Scientific Humanism: A Formulation,” *The Humanist*, vol. 48 (September/October 1988) – Morrain helped found the Am. Human. Assoc. , two-time president; Reiser is prof. organic chemistry, Univ. Regensburg, Germany



"The philosophical implications of ND not only have no reference for objective morality, but also have nothing ethically to say about whether past or future holocausts are right or wrong. . . If philosophical naturalism is correct, then human beings are reduced to pieces of impersonal matter. . . There is no truth, good or bad ideas, worthy or unworthy arguments, or love, but only determined chemical processes and the firing of neurons in brains. Science itself ends up a meaningless endeavor with no one left to share in its alleged benefits."

- Eddie N. Colanter, "Philosophical Implications of Neo-Darwinism and Intelligent Design." In Intelligent Design 101, Ed. H. Wayne House, 2008



II. Darwin Once Had Faith. How Did He Lose It?

**Answer:
Via Antichristian Modernist
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Late-enlightenment 18th century western Europe shifted from orthodox Biblical- (or Catholic-) based belief systems (AKA, “Christendom”) to humanism, based on modernism, liberal Biblical criticism and atheism, emanating out the German schools of thought.

18th Century Modernist Agenda Was:

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- 6. What was the ultimate goal? To replace theism with humanism by shifting faith from scripture to pop science.**

The Assault Against Divine Creation Was Accomplished by:

1. The doctrine of uniformitarianism

What Is Uniformitarianism?

1. "The present is the key to understanding the past."
2. "Natural events transpiring today occurred just like this in the past in the creation of the geological strata."
3. "All geological formations from the mountains, to the thousands of feet of rock beneath your feet, to the coal and oil deposits in the ground were all created slowly over millions of years of gradual sedimentary deposition."

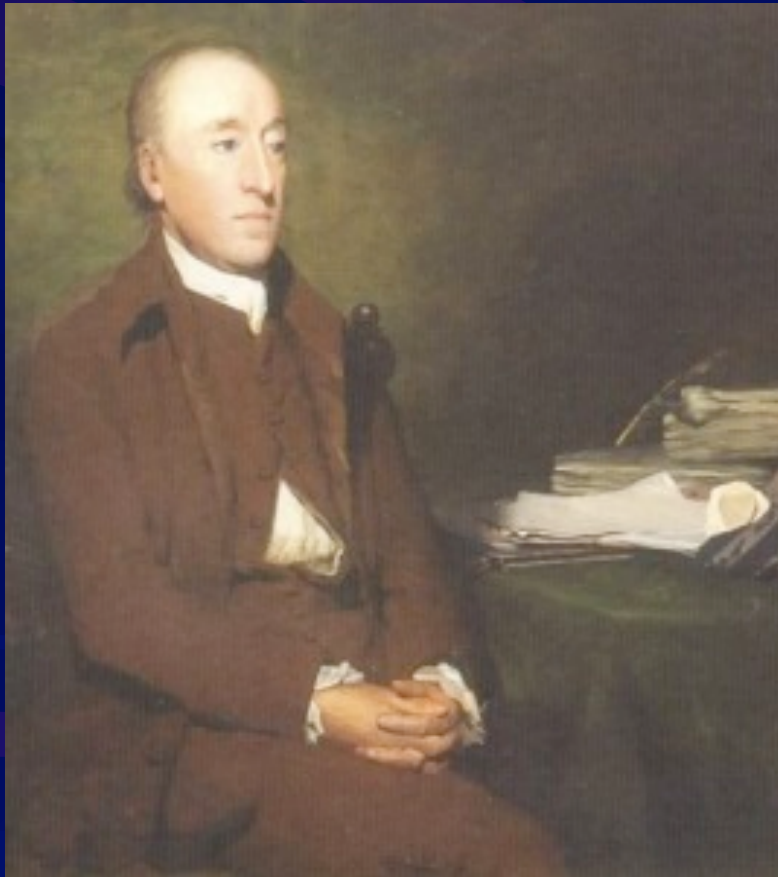
Sediments and Sedimentary Rocks



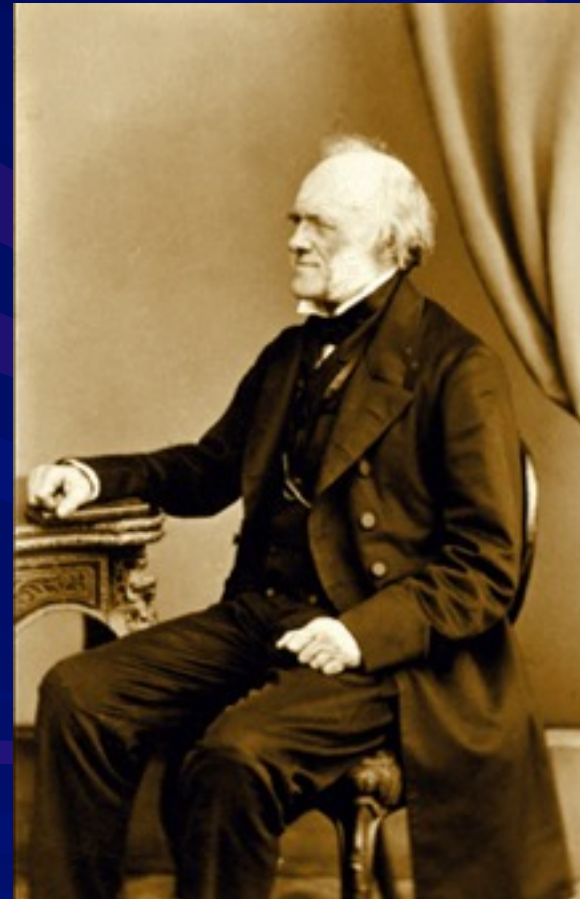
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 $0.5''/100 \text{ years} \times 500 \text{ feet} = 1.2 \text{ mya}$

Drivers of Early Uniformitarian Explanation of the Geological Column

James Hutton



Charles Lyell



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- 2. The philosophy of evolution.**



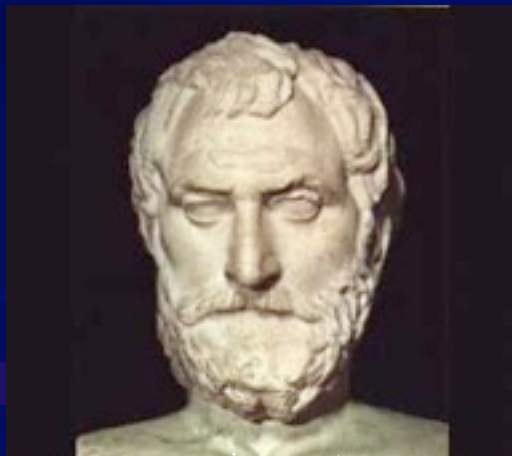
“... from the earliest stages of Greek thought man has been eager to discover some natural cause of evolution, and to abandon the idea of supernatural intervention in the order of nature”

- H.F. Osborn, The Origin and Evolution of Life, 1918, p. ix. (Harvard Paleontologist, President of American Museum of Natural History)

Man Has Been Trying to Explain God Away for over 3,000 Years

1) Psalms 14:1; 53:1

2) Evolution proposed by Ancient Greeks:
Thales (588 B.C.) Anaximander (570 B.C.);
Empedocles (455 B.C.); Democritus (420 B.C.);
Strato (288 B.C.)



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Thales, 588 B.C.

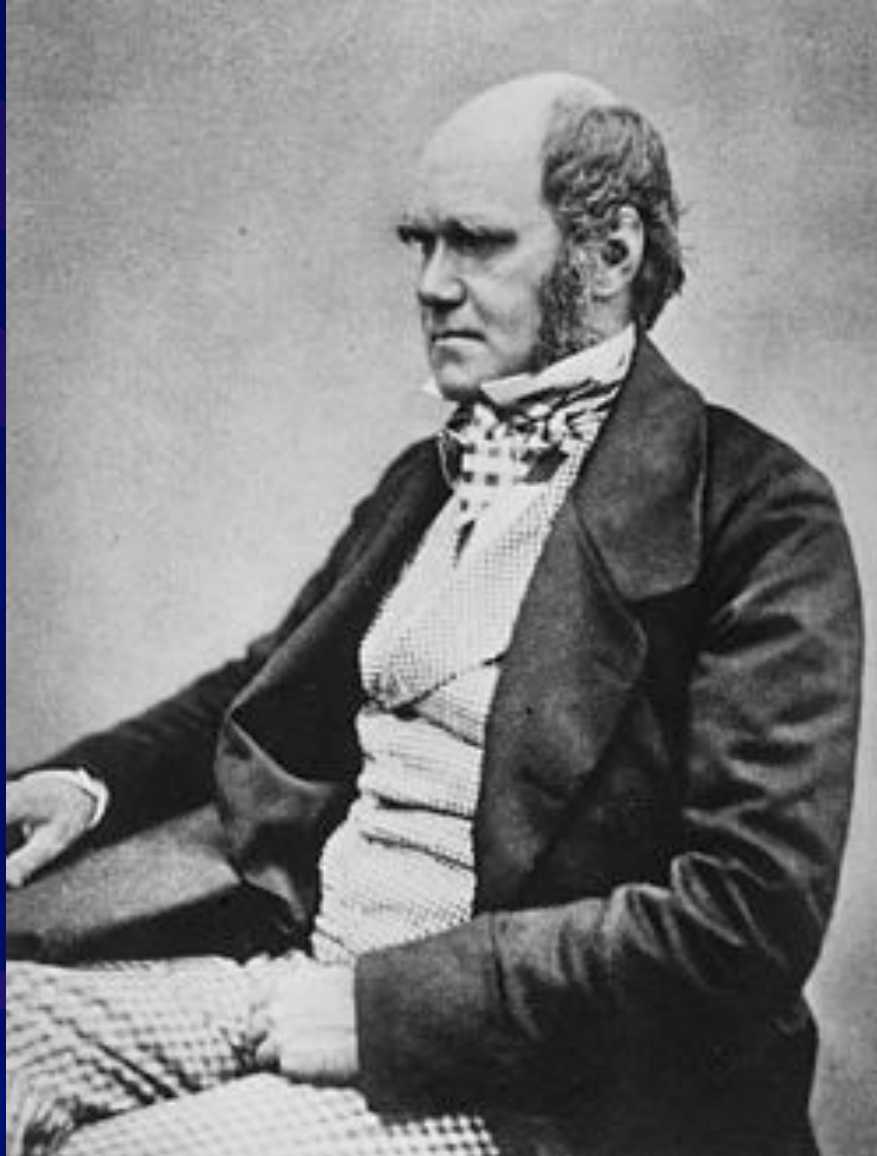


Anaximander, 570 B.C.

Evolution Proposed Prior to Charles Darwin



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- Did not appear a devious, hardened or rebellious individual (at least early in life)
- Loved his family and his believing wife, and had reservations about publishing his ideas lest he upset her.
- In many respects, he can be considered a product of his environment.

Enter Charles Darwin

1. Churches in England had previously conceded to uniformitarianism and the age of the earth, but refused to accept evolution.
2. Darwin's paternal family was non-religious, and his grandfather, Erasmus, believed and taught evolution.
3. Darwin's mother was a Unitarian and sent him to a religious school, she died when he was young, but he still believed in the authenticity of the Bible.
4. Darwin could not accept conventional orthodox teaching of the day that his paternal family was going to hell.
5. Boarded the HMS Beagle in 1831 with Lyell's book on uniformitarianism and his personal journal documents the loss of Darwin's faith in the authenticity of the Bible on that trip.

Where Do We Stand Today?

1. The authority (or influence) of “the church” in western Europe and the U.S. has been rejected
2. The authenticity (and authority) of the Bible (viz., accuracy, authorship, transmission, preservation, etc.) has been rejected
3. Assaults on the authority of God and existence of a moral law are succeeding
4. Assaults against the existence of God are succeeding
5. Assaults against the creation account have succeeded
6. What was the ultimate goal 200+ years ago?
Replacing theism with humanism by shifting faith from God’s word to pop science – has succeeded.

III. Capitulating Biblical Truth for the Sake of Popular Science is Ultimately Destructive to Faith

“Why Don’t Many Christian Leaders and Scholars Believe Genesis?”

by Dr. Terry Mortenson

www.answersingenesis.org/articles/2010/05/31/why-dont-many-christian-leaders-and-scholars

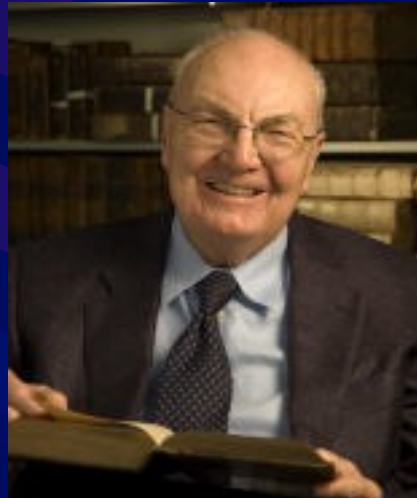


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“Why Don’t Many Christian Leaders and Scholars Believe Genesis?”

Dr. Mortenson cites thirteen renowned biblical scholars who concede OEC or theistic evolution, not based on scriptural exegesis, but admit capitulating their interpretation of *Genesis* 1-3 to pop science uniformitarianism.

- Dr. Gleason Archer
- Dr. James M. Boice
- Dr. Meredith Kline
- Dr. Gordon Lewis
- Dr. Mark Demarest
- Dr. Pattle Pun
- Dr. John Sailhamer
- Dr. Wayne Grudem
- Dr. J.P. Moreland
- Dr. Millard Erickson
- Dr. Kenneth Mathews
- Dr. Norman Geisler
- Dr. John Collins



Dr. Bruce Waltke, NASB & NIV Translator

Past president of the Evangelical Theological Society

www.biologos.org/blog/on-the-courage-of-bruce-waltke http://a.abcnews.com/images/WN/abc_Bruce_Waltke_100416_mn.jpg

“The Christian scholars cited above and many other evangelical scholars and leaders during the past 200 years all say basically the same thing in different words.²⁸ In essence, they are teaching the church that science is the final authority in determining the correct interpretation of some or all of Genesis 1–11, or at least that science is the final authority in determining that the young-earth view must be wrong. Therefore, they think, Bible scholars are free to advocate all kinds of alternative interpretations, no matter how exegetically weak they may be.”

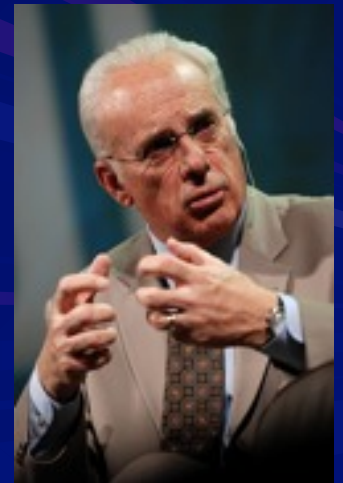
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“In other words, if you reject the creation account in Genesis, you have no basis for believing the Bible at all. If you doubt or explain away the Bible’s account of the six days of creation, where do you put the reins on your skepticism? Do you start with Genesis 3, which explains the origin of sin . . . ? Or maybe you don’t sign on until sometime after chapter 6, because the Flood is invariably questioned by scientists, too. Or perhaps you find the Tower of Babel too hard to reconcile with the linguists’ theories about how languages originated and evolved. So maybe you start taking the Bible as literal history beginning with the life of Abraham. But when you get to Moses’ plagues against Egypt, will you deny those, too? What about the miracles of the New Testament? Is there any reason to regard any of the supernatural elements of biblical history as anything other than poetic symbolism? . . . If we’re worried about appearing ‘unscientific’ in the eyes of naturalists, we’re going to have to reject a lot more than Genesis 1-3”

-John, MacArthur, 2000, The Battle for the Beginning, p. 44, emphasis in the original.



What, Then, Does the Accomodationist Christian do Concerning the “Scientific Consensus” on the Following Issues?

- **Human abortion?**
- **Embryonic stem cell research?**
- **Acceptance of the “scientifically-established fact” of innate homosexuality?**
- **Euthenasia and other end-of-life issues?**
- **Science of pop psychology often condoning fornication, adultery, extramarital affairs, abandoning family, unscriptural divorce and remarriages?**

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Scientific Hypotheses are Overturned Every Day?

- 1600- Science said the sun revolved around the earth
- 1750- Science said that fire is caused by the release of a substance called phlogiston
- 1800- science treat the ill by bleeding
- 1859- Lamarckian science said that inheritance transmitted by gemules
- 1860- Science said women and African races were evolutionarily and intellectually inferior to white men
- 1940- Lobotomies to treat the mentally ill
- 1960's- Steady state theory of the universe replaced by the "Big Bang" theory, now being challenged by String theory
- For over a decade, science said that autism was caused by childhood vaccines, until publication was retracted in 2010
- 20th century eugenics to eradicate genetically "inferior" people
- 21st century eugenics in America to eradicate genetically "inferior" people (**hopefully will one day be denounced**)

Summary

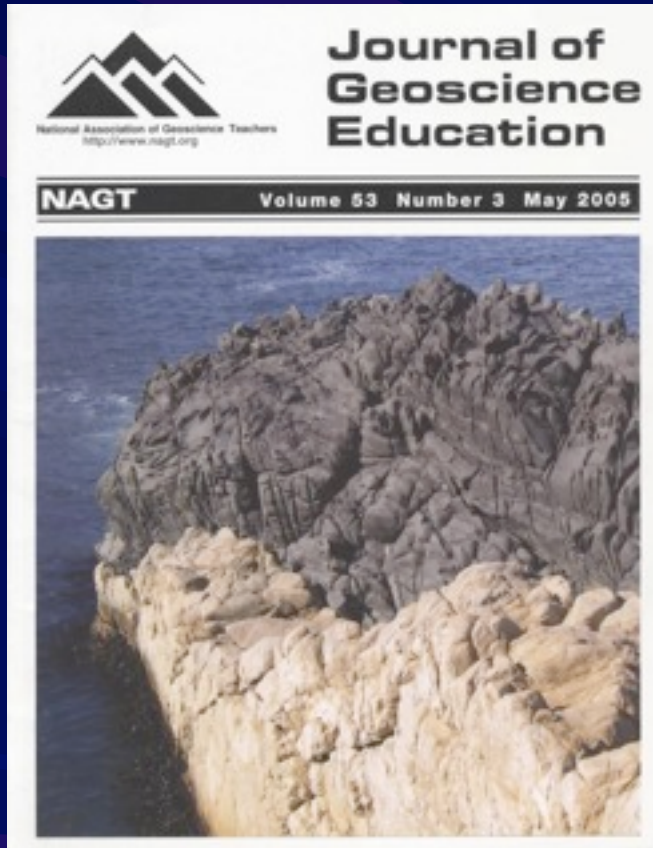
(Take-Home Message from Sections I-IV)

- Uniformitarianism and the age of the earth is a well-documented stepping stone used by evolutionists on the path to belief in evolution.
- If we are looking to modern science to overturn, denounce, and refute evolution and support creationism, what happens when those we are teaching (or we ourselves) develop greater faith in pop science than the word of God?
- If this is your position, know that the spiritually-rebellious heart of man will always invent a pop science argument in response to evidence for God; therefore, your faith and the faith of those you teach will always be at the mercy of pop science.
- What's the Point? Our Primary source of faith must be in Jehovah and His word, whether regarding baptism or the days of creation.
- Why? (1) If our faith relies in science, we will always be waiting for the next "silver bullet" scientific argument to justify our faith – Thus, our faith will be no different than the humanists. (2) If Genesis 1-3 cannot be understood without pop science, then NONE of the Bible can. . . Thus, God's word becomes effectively irrelevant and Science becomes the requisite arbiter of universal truth. . . which was the precise goal of the 18th century anti-christian modernists who led us to where we are today!

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“If the creationists could mount a successful attack on the validity of uniformitarianism, they would succeed in their effort to discredit modern geology.”

- James H. Shea, “Creationism, Uniformitarianism, Geology and Science,” *Journal of Geological Education*, 31[2]:105-110, 1983 (Became *J. Geosci. Edu.* in 1995)

“Catastrophism is enjoying a renaissance in geology. For the last 180 years, geologists have applied consistently a uniformitarian approach to their studies that has stressed slow gradual changes as defined by Lamarck, Lyell, and Darwin. Now, many of us are accepting that unusual catastrophic events have occurred repeatedly during the course of Earth’s history.”

- Kenneth J. Hsu and Judith A. McKenzie, “Rare Events in Geology Discussed at Meeting,” *Geotimes*, vol. 31:11-12, 1986



“The hurricane, the flood or the tsunami may do more in an hour or a day than the ordinary processes of nature have achieved in a thousand years. Given all the millennia we have to play with in the stratigraphical record, we can expect our periodic catastrophes to do all the work we want of them.”

- Derek V Ager, The Nature of the Stratigraphical Record (New York: John Wiley & Sons, 1993), pp. 68, 69, Dr. Ager was Professor and Head of the Department of Geology and Oceanography, University College of Swansea. He had also served as president of the British Geological Association.



“To me, the whole record is catastrophic, not in the old-fashioned apocalyptic sense . . . but in the sense that only the episodic events—the occasional ones—are preserved for us.”

- Derek V. Ager, “The Stratigraphic Code and What It Implies,” in Catastrophes and Earth History, p. 93, 1984



“A great deal has changed, however, and contemporary geologists and paleontologists now generally accept catastrophe as a ‘way of life’ although they may avoid the word catastrophe.”



- David M. Raup, “Geology and Creationism,” *Bulletin, Field Museum of Natural History*, vol. 54:16-25, 1983 (University of Chicago paleontologist)



“I hope I have convinced you that the sedimentary record is largely a record of episodic events rather than being uniformly continuous. My message is that episodicity is the rule, not the exception. “What do I mean by ‘episodic sedimentation?’ Episodic was chosen carefully over other possible terms. ‘Catastrophic’ has become popular recently because of its dramatic effect, but it should be purged from our vocabulary because it feeds the neo-catastrophist-creation cause.”

- Robert H. Dott, “Episodic View Now Replacing Catastrophism,” *Geotimes*, vol. 27:16-17, 1982), Report of Presidential Address to Society of Economic Paleontologists and Mineralogists (June 1982). U. Wisconsin Professor of Geology. A leading author of the textbook of earth history, *Evolution of the Earth* (McGraw-Hill), now in 7th edition.



"...no geologist would dare postulate anything that might be termed a 'catastrophe' for fear of being laughed at or (in recent years) linked with a lunatic fringe of Velikovsky and Californian fundamentalists. But I would like to suggest that, in the first half of the last century, the 'catastrophists' were better geologists than the 'uniformitarians.'"

- Derek V Ager, *The Nature of the Stratigraphical Record* (New York: John Wiley & Sons, 1993), pp. 68, 69, 80.

VI. My Personal Recommendation

Instead of (1) making “accommodations” with any “here today, gone tomorrow” pop philosophy and/or pop science, or (2) capitulating divine truth for the sake of popular science, why don’t theologians and believing scientists (A) move away from political maneuvering, (B) resolve whether or not the scriptures contain ultimate truth; and if they do, then (C) we can focus on what is truly important – an honest and unbiased assessment of the scientific and theological evidences and arguments for or against creation and evolution, rather than subjugating the Bible to the humanists “scientific” arguments.

VII. Thirty Scientific and Philosophical Arguments Against neo-Darwinism

(Note: Documentation is available for all of these arguments)

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1. Some evolutionists admit that ND “natural selection” is based on tautological reasoning.
2. Gene mutation-based evolution (i.e., neo-Darwinism) has been debunked. Scientists that understand this are furiously searching for a new mechanism to “remix” the evolutionary hypothesis before the general public catches on. (See the book, *The Altenberg 16: An Expose of the Evolution Industry* by S. Muzur, 2010.)
 - A. Conferences have been held in Altenberg, Austria (July 10-13, 2008) and Rome (Mar. 3-7, 2009) to discuss re-synthesizing the mechanism required for macroevolution.

“[Neo-Darwinism will one day be viewed as] “a minor twentieth-century religious sect *within the sprawling religious persuasion of Anglo-Saxon Biology*”. . . [Neo-Darwinists] “wallow in their zoological, capitalistic, competitive, cost-benefit interpretation of Darwin . . .

Neo-Darwinism, which insists on the slow accrual of mutations by gene-level natural selection, is a complete funk.”

C. Mann, (1991) "Lynn Margulis: Science's Unruly Earth Mother," *Science*, pp. 252:378-381 (American biologist and University Professor in the Department of Geosciences at the University of Massachusetts Amherst; 2008 Darwin-Wallace Medalist) - Believes in symbiogenic reorganization



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3. Billions of transitional fossils requisite for macroevolution are missing. When the missing links are *not* found, we are told this is proof that “punctuated equilibrium” (i.e., saltational evolution) happened so fast, it left no record in the geological column. This is a “jury-rigged,” non-falsifiable philosophy (“shell game”), not akin to empirical science.
4. For any supposed transitional fossil, uniformitarian macro-evolutionists can be found who deny the fossil is actually transitional.
 - A. If the evidence for inter-family transitions is so strong, why are the Darwinian-admitted debunked illustrations of Archaeopteryx and the duck-billed platypus (which are actually “Mosaics”) still put forward as viable examples of transitional species?

“The absence of fossil evidence for intermediary stages between major transitions in organic design. . . has been a persistent and nagging problem for gradualistic accounts of evolution . . I regard the failure to find a clear ‘vector of progress’ in life’s history as the most puzzling fact of the fossil record”

- S.J.Gould, Evolution Now, 1982, p 140 and 1980, *Paleobiology*, 6:119-130



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5. Every Bauplan or biological, structural body plan appears suddenly and inexplicably in the Cambrian layer with NO Precambrian ancestors.

"... the Cambrian explosion established virtually all the major animal body forms—Baupläne or phyla—that would exist thereafter."

- Roger Lewin, "A Lopsided Look at Evolution," 1988, *Science*, 241:291-293



“All of the basic architectures of animals were apparently established by the close of the Cambrian explosion; . . . About 37 distinct body architectures are recognized among present-day animals and form the basis of the taxonomic classification level of phyla.”

- Erwin Douglas, James W. Valentine, and David Jablonski, “The Origin of Animal Body Plans,” *American Scientist*, vol. 85 (March/April 1997)

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- 6. The extremely complex, highly-functional eyes of the trilobite are the same in the fossil record when the animal “appeared” as when it “disappeared.” No evolution occurred over supposedly 200 million years.**

TRILOBITE (540-250 mya)



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Niles Eldridge
(American Museum of Natural History)

No trilobite eye evolution in the evolutionist-proposed 200+ million year tenure of trilobites on earth.

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7. **Supposed evidence for primate-man evolution has been stretched beyond believability. The two latest illustrations (“Ardi” and “Ida”) have even been dismissed as irrelevant even by macroevolutionists.**

A. For more detailed information on “Ida” and “Ardi”, see my articles in the outline *Appendices* entitled, “Lemur-Like Fossil, ‘Ida,’ Says Nothing About Alleged Human Evolution” and “‘Ardi’ – An Archaeological Conundrum for Evolutionists”

8. **Supposed evolutionary relatedness of man and the chimpanzee is a philosophical and not a scientific argument.**

A. Commonality could just as easily indicate a common designer as a common ancestor.



**Common Ancestor
Or
COMMON DESIGNER?**



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- 9. Textbook teaching regarding supposed peppered moth evolution has been refuted even by macroevolutionists.**

“The peppered moth experiments [show] survival of the fittest. But they do not show evolution in progress.”

-L. Harrison Matthews, Foreword to Origin of Species, 1971 edition.



One evolutionist, Jerry Coyne, lamented his dismay admitting that ***“the prize horse in our stable”*** had been disproved. He went on to say that discovering that the peppered moth story did not prove macroevolution was like ***“my discovery, at the age of six, that it was my father and not Santa who brought the presents of Christmas Eve”***

- Jerry Coyne, *Nature*, 1998, 396:35,36.

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10. Textbook teaching regarding supposed horse evolution has been refuted by macroevolutionists for at least 40 years.
11. Textbook teaching that lethal or neutral fruit fly mutations prove Darwinism has been refuted by macroevolutionists.

NOTE: No morphological, beneficial, persistent mutations have ever been found.

12. Textbook teaching regarding ND embryology and Haeckel's embryos has been refuted by macroevolutionists including S.J. Gould.

“Haeckel had exaggerated the similarities. . . in a procedure that can only be called fraudulent—simply copied the same figure over and over again. . . we do, I think, have the right to be both astonished and ashamed by the century of mindless recycling that has led to the persistence of these drawings in a large number, if not a majority, of modern textbooks”

-Stephen J. Gould, 2000, *Natural History*, 86:42-48, (Reprinted in the New York Times)



“It looks like it’s turning out to be one of the most famous fakes in biology”

- Michael Richardson, 2000, *Science*, 277:1435

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- 13. Textbook teaching regarding the presence and significance of vestigial organs in macroevolution has been refuted for at least 30 years in the scientific community.**

“vestigial organs provide no evidence for evolutionary theory”

- S.R. Scadding, 1981, *Evolutionary Theory* 5:173-176

1. Appendix

“The appendix is not generally credited with significant function; however, current evidence tends to involve it in the immunologic mechanism”

– G. McHardy, 1976 *Gastroenterology*, 2:1135



In a standard medical textbook, Dr. K.L. Moore describes the appendix as “a well-developed lymphoid organ.”

- 1992, Clinically Oriented Anatomy, p. 205

2. The Tonsils

“Like other organs of the lymphatic system, the tonsils act as part of the immune system to help protect against infection. In particular, they are believed to be involved in helping fight off pharyngeal and upper respiratory tract infections.”

- Wikipedia, 2008



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- 14. Textbook teaching regarding animal homology and macroevolution is a philosophical rather than a scientific argument.**
 - A. Commonality could just as easily indicate a common designer as a common ancestor.**
- 15. Textbook teaching regarding macroevolution being proved by variations within Galapagos Island finches (horizontal variation) has been refuted since at least the late 1970's.**
- 16. The fact that large reptiles once roamed the earth says absolutely nothing regarding macroevolution, although they are used as one of the favorite “recruiting tools” of macroevolutionists.**

“Always it comes back to the extinction of the dinosaurs. I must admit to being a little tired of those stupid great beasts, though they are the best recruiting sergeants for our subject among young people (including myself). Their importance, in my view, is grossly exaggerated.”

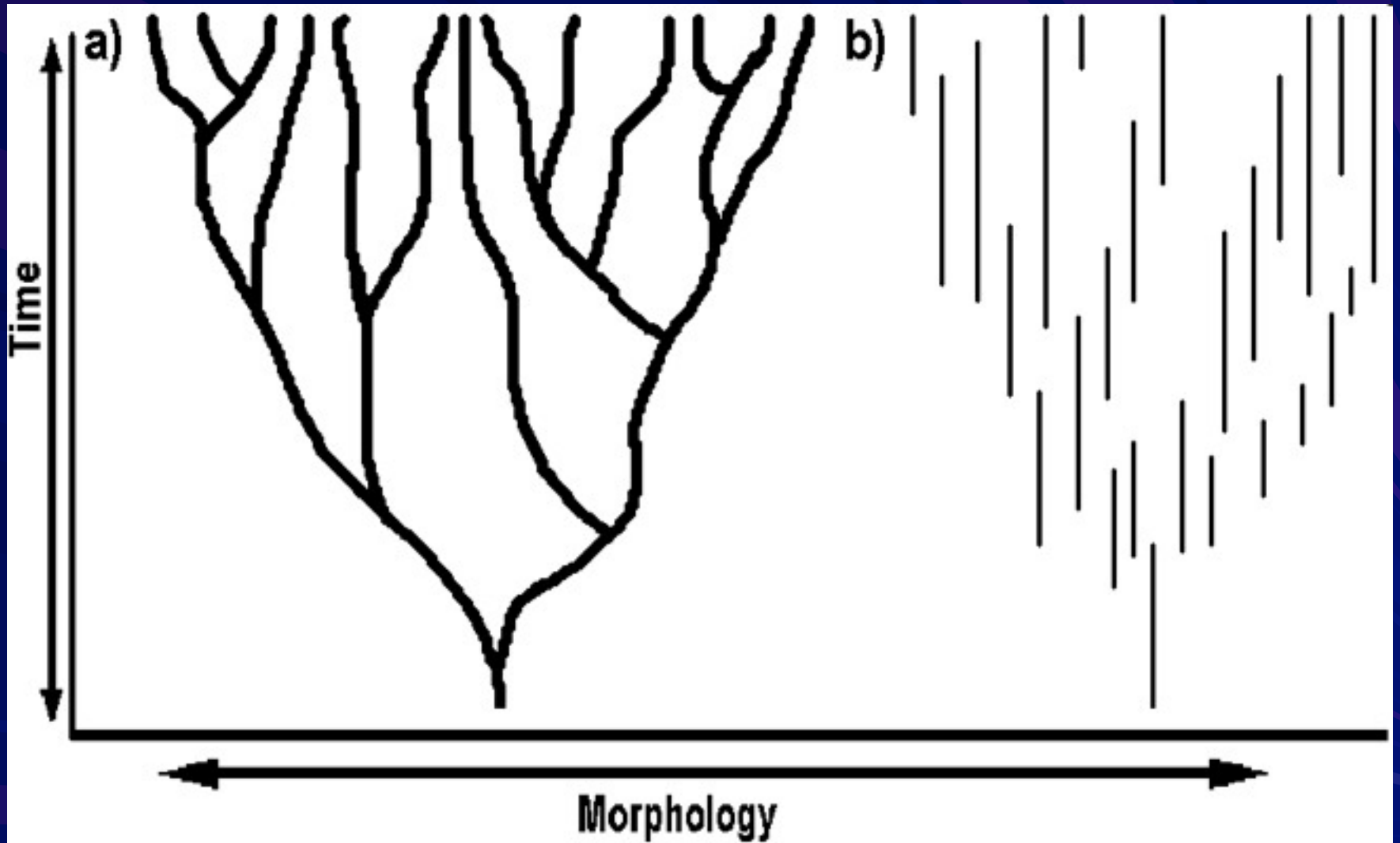


Dinosaur-Facts.com

Derek V. Ager, The New Catastrophism (Cambridge, U.K.: Cambridge University Press, 1993), p. 186

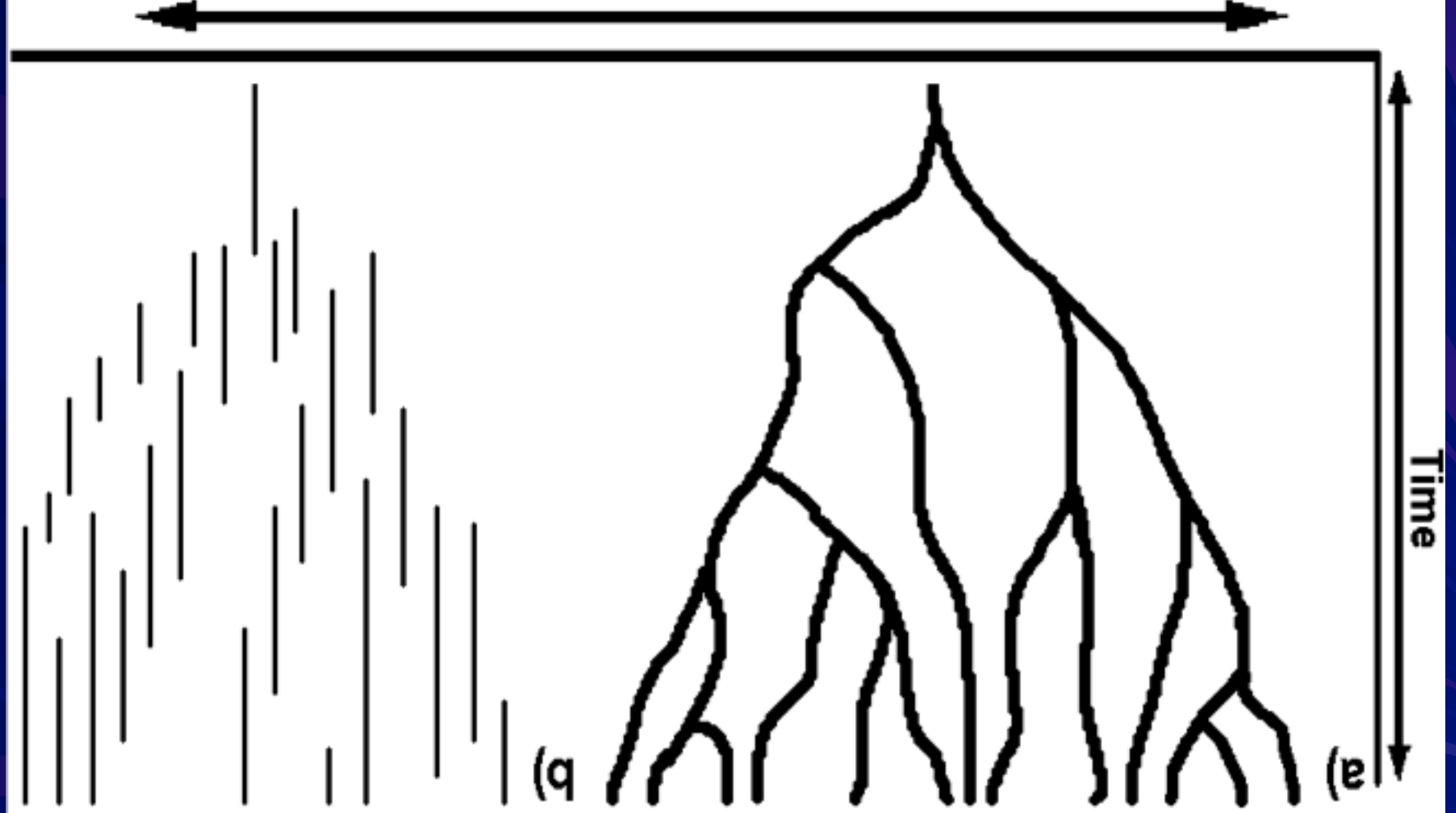
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17. Although evolution teaches that there should be less diversity in the past and more diversity presently, Stephen J. Gould's "Bush of Life" shows that there was more diversity in the past (suddenly in the Cambrian explosion) which has whittled down to less diversity today.



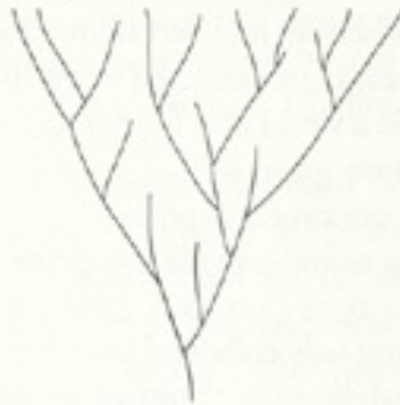
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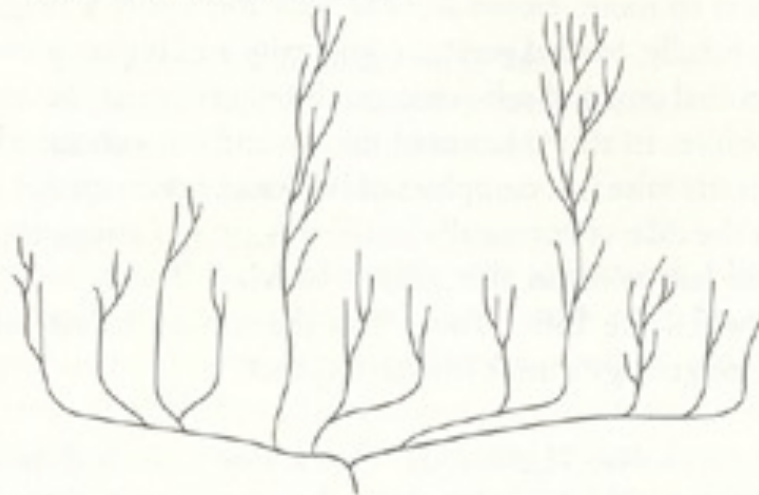


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The Cone of Increasing Diversity



Decimation and Diversification



1.17. The false but still conventional iconography of the cone of increasing diversity, and the revised model of diversification and decimation, suggested by the proper reconstruction of the Burgess Shale.

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- 18. Despite billions of dollars in research, macroevolution has not been able to account for the naturalistic origin of life. Spontaneous generation was refuted by Louis Pasteur 140 years ago.**
- 19. Michael Behe's irreducibly complex biochemical systems argument has yet to be fully addressed or accounted for by the ND community.**
- 20. The theory of relativity, quantum mechanics and string theory are revealing a highly-ordered infinitesimally fine-tuned universe that operates within such precise sub-atomic laws that it takes more faith to believe in naturalism than creation.**
- 21. Neo-Darwinists no longer debate creationists, as it only hurts their cause.**

“Avoid Debates. If your local campus Christian fellowship asks you to ‘defend evolution,’ please decline. Public debates rarely change many minds . . . Have you ever watched the Harlem Globetrotters play the Washington Federals? The Federals get off some good shots, but who remembers them? The purpose of the game is to see the Globetrotters beat the other team. . . And you probably will get beaten.”

- Eugenie C. Scott, “Monkey Business,” *The Sciences* (January/February 1996), pp. 20-25. Scott is Executive Director of the National Center for Science Education, Berkeley, California, and received her Ph.D. in Anthropology, Missouri University, 1974. Past previous position, Assistant Professor, University of Colorado at Boulder, 1984-86.

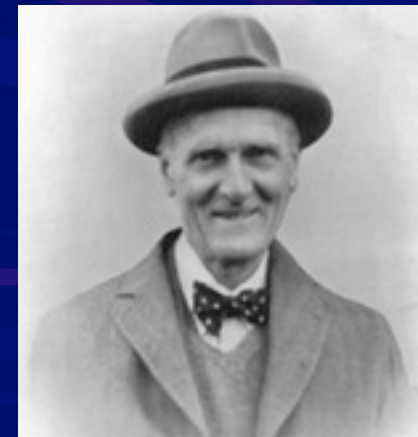


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22. Atheists and macroevolutionists have done everything they can to deny or divert public attention away from the fact that the Nazi genocide was justified by eugenics and “survival of the fittest” as taught by Darwin, Haeckel and Nietzsche. Whole texts have been written documenting these facts.

“To see evolutionary measures and tribal morality. . . we must turn again to Germany of 1942. We see Hitler devoutly convinced that evolution produces the only real basis for a national policy. . . The means he adopted to secure the destiny of his race and people were organized slaughter, which has drenched Europe in blood. . . Germany has reverted to the tribal past, and is demonstrating to the world, in their naked ferocity, the methods of evolution. . . The German Fuehrer, as I have consistently maintained, is an evolutionist; he has consciously sought to make the practice of Germany conform to the theory of evolution.”

- Sir Arthur Keith, Evolution and Ethics, 1947, pp. 28, 229 Scottish anatomist, anthropologist, fellow of Royal College of Surgeons, believed and taught human evolution.



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- 23. In the trillions of experimental generation cycles of bacteria tested by scientists in laboratory settings, these microorganisms have never been induced into evolving into anything other than bacteria (i.e. no macroevolution).**
- 24. Philosophers have been proposing evolution (without any scientific proof) at least since Thales in 588 B.C. Western Europe's 18th century Biblical criticism, modernism and atheism had been looking for a "scientific explanation for evolution" in order to explain away God 100 years before Darwin's publication. For this reason, Darwin's arguments, as weak as they were, (e.g., Lamarckian evolution, and murder of the "savage races") were touted as truth.**
- 25. True science requires application of the scientific method. Neo-Darwinism isn't founded on the four-tiered scientific method.**
- 26. Historical scientists, all the way back to 1859 as well as thousands of doctoral scientists, physicians, surgeons and philosophers around the world have voiced their opposition to ND as a viable explanation for the complexity of life.**

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- 27. The so-called “convergent evolution” (i.e., simultaneous identically-evolved anatomical structures in different animals) of organs such as human and octopus eyes requires more faith to believe than does creation.**
- 28. Blood alpha-hemoglobin of the crocodile is more similar to the chicken than it is to a supposedly more closely-related animal, the viper, which is a conundrum for macroevolutionary-inherited similarities.**
- 29. Dinosaur tracks in the grand canyon are consistently found in lower strata than their bones, which is a conundrum for Darwinists, but is exactly what creationists expect to find based on the Noahic flood.**

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30. To justify macroevolution, proponents frequently resort to an “appeal to the majority.”

- Majority opinion has never established truth on any scientific subject, including the rotundity of the earth, geocentrism versus heliocentrism, early 19th-century forced sterilization of the mentally-ill in the United States, majority support for the scientific arguments in favor of the Holocaust by scientists and philosophers in Nazi Germany, bleeding to treat the ill, lobotomies to treat the mentally ill, the steady state theory of the universe, etc.**

Conclusions

- The scientific weaknesses of neo-Darwinian evolution have been thoroughly dealt with, and are well-documented. Christians should be aware of and acquainted with these types of apologetic resources.
- ND evolution is a major tool used to destroy faith in the written word of God.
- The intelligent-design movement represents a “big tent” in which all believers may unite, but caution should be exercised when supporting those who teach theistic evolution.
- My opinion is that there may be a continuum of sacrificing Biblical truth to accommodate pop science, seen in the following. (NOTE: Loss of faith in the veracity and authority of the scripture may be more likely to occur the further one moves down the continuum.)
 - A.** Acceptance of a uniformitarian age of the earth (currently 4.54 billion years old).
 - B.** Denial of the literal six-day account of creation.
 - C.** Acceptance of inorganic evolution of the universe and earth prior to God creating biological life (inorganic old earth creationism).
 - D.** Acceptance of organic old earth creationism.
 - E.** Acceptance of theistic evolution.
 - F.** Acceptance of deistic evolution (e.g. BioLogos).