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But Jesus answered, "I tell you, if these (his followers) become silent, the stones will cry out!" Luke 19:40

We must speak for silence would shame us, and the rocks themselves would cry out... You, O Lord Christ Jesus, must be praised for who You are in the world You have made.

Hello! The latest science is full of new findings that show that God, in the person of Jesus, is Creator of the universe, you and us. Thank you for joining us in learning the Good News.



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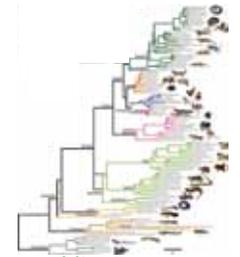
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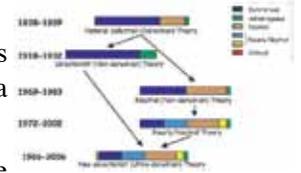
To the right is a chart. You cannot read it because it is too small, but on the right are the names of various critters with images of their appearances. Left of their names are colored lines indicating their evolutionary relationship. Those lines converge on the left indicating a common ancestor from which all the critters on the right evolved. We are going to look at how evolutionists



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Neutral Theory of Evolution

The Neutral Theory of Evolution (introduced in 1968) appears to solve several problems in evolutionary theory. Here are a few of the problems and how they are solved.



1) Mutations do damage most of the time. How do you take care of the damage when there are 100 mutations? **Solution:** 97% of DNA is non-used junk leftover from previous evolution. That means 97% of mutations have no effect. Natural Selection only needs to deal with the DNA that actually does something.

2) Haldane's Dilemma (the cost of substitution). There is a limit to the speed of evolution. Cost takes a little more explanation.* Imagine a population of 100,000 apes. Suppose that a male and a female both received a mutation so beneficial that they out-survived everyone else; all the rest of the population died out—all 99,998 of them.

* Quoted from <https://creation.com/haldanes-dilemma-has-not-been-solved>

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Snowball Earth...

The more scientific terminology is "The Faint Young Sun Paradox." It is now accepted that the sun burns by way of nuclear fusion. Hydrogen atoms near the core are fused together to form helium atoms. The heat generated will heat the core causing the reaction to occur faster which heats the core even more. As the core heats, the entire sun heats. Astronomers have calculated that 3.5 billion years ago, the sun would have been 25% cooler than it is now. This presents a problem. The earth also would have been cooler. All water molecules would have been frozen. The earth would have been a giant snowball. Not only does this present a problem for life beginning 3.5 billion years ago, there is the problem that the earth would still be a snowball today! Why? The white surface of the earth would reflect almost all heat back into space. Though many attempts have been offered to get around the problem, but there is no solution. If the naturalists' time line is accurate, we can't be here. The earth and sun are young.

How Long Do I Gotta Wait?

Studies have shown that the difference between human and chimp DNA is at least 450,000,000 DNA letters. That is a LOT of mutations. Evolutionists tell us that we come from a common ancestor that lived 6 million years ago. Let's assume that it only takes 10% of those mutations to make the difference between chimps and humans. That would be 450,000 needed mutations.

A paper by Cornell evolutionists says it discovered that it would take over 100,000,000 years to get just TWO random mutations that work together. Chimps and humans have hundreds of different genes that are hundreds of DNA letters different. Come join us and God for an eternity of joy and rational thought! In the 1960s I saw a sign that said "God is Dead." He is ALIVE. Naturalism is dead. CRM

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think that happened. We are going to look at the evidence presented over time and what has been known about the process of evolution... It is all about the process.

Pre-Darwinian Evolution: The idea of evolution dates back to the ancient Greeks, Romans, Chinese and medieval Islam. Darwin's grandfather taught Darwin about the idea of evolution. Edward Blyth wrote a paper about natural selection 24 years before Darwin wrote his famous book. Darwin mentioned Blyth but never gave Blyth full credit because Blyth was a Bible-believing creationist.

Darwinian Evolution: Darwin proposed that small changes caused by natural selection could accumulate to the point that a creature could become a different kind of creature. Most scientists in the field of biology stated that Darwin over-reached. But materialism was on the march in intellectual circles and the materialists found that Darwin completed the full move of science away from creation so they promoted Darwin heavily.

Darwin proposed no mechanism for the change, just that nature could shape creatures by unknown means. One cannot blame Darwin for having no mechanism. At that time the most powerful microscopes were very limited in power compared to today. A cell viewed under the microscope was just a blob of material with some dark spots in it. DNA was totally unknown.

Two primary arguments were given in support of Darwin's theory.

1) The fossil record seemed to show that creatures were more "advanced" as you move higher up through the rock record from bottom to top. It should be noted that the rock record did not have

transitional fossils except horses and a few other creatures. Darwin noted this problem in his book and believed that transitional fossils would come to light in the future. The exact opposite happened. The chart to the right shows the supposed progression of types of horse through time. The problem is that it was later discovered that all those types are found in rocks of the same age. They all lived at the same time, just like many breeds of dogs live at the same time today.

This chart shows supposed whale evolution. The second drawing down is highly distorted (See the bottom drawings). The third drawing

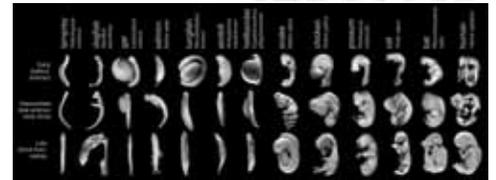
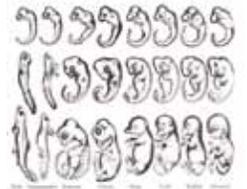
down has rear leg bones and no bones for a fluke at the rear. The red arrow shows a drawing of the supposed appearance of the creature. Says the fossil discoverer: "I now doubt that *Rodhocetus* would have had a fluked tail." It too was a land dweller... not half water, half land. These two "evidences" (horse and whale evolution) can still be found in text books.

It can reasonably be said that the arguments were based on ignorance as future finds falsify Darwin's point #1.

2) It was explained that nearly all (over 100) organs found in humans were nonfunctional leftovers of evolution. In his book, Darwin made the claim that many organs are leftovers. We now know that

all organs and parts of the human body have a function that helps maintain human life. The idea of nonfunctional organs was based on ignorance. A just-so story (believe this JUST because I say SO) was added to ignorance to generate "evidence" of evolution.

In the 1880s a very enthusiastic evolutionist name Ernst Haeckel made the drawings



at the right. These were promoted to show how human embryos develop and how they progress through stages of evolution. The photographs show the actual appearance of several embryos at various stages of development. Notice there is no evolutionary progression. Haeckel admitted he faked the drawings in the 1890s. They are still used in textbooks today as well as abortion clinics to convince woman they aren't really killing a human. Those who still use Haeckel's drawings are teaching a just-so story from ignorance (hopefully).

I don't have room to fully describe additional evidences so I'll just list a few. There are many more. You can google any one of them and get the details.

By the early 1900s, evolution was getting hard to defend and interest was waning. The problem was seen as this: Natural Selection can explain the *survival* of the fittest, but not the *arrival* of the fittest. Then came the Scopes Trial.

In the Scopes trial very little scientific evidence was entered (it was not a trial about evolution though the ACLU and media made it a trial about evolution). Evidence entered were: A tooth from **Nebraska Man:** A million of them lived in Nebraska in the distant past. It turns out it was a tooth from an extinct pig. Ignorance plus just-so story. **Pitdown Man:** This fossil was already suspect by many evolutionists but it was too hard for many of them to resist a half-ape/half human skull. It was later admitted by the

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discoverer to be a fake. Nonfunctional human organs and the horse evolution series were entered into evidence. We discussed those above.

Do you see a pattern here? I could give dozens more examples. ALL of them are just-so stories, built on ignorance, that were later falsified. When one argument was falsified by discovery of what was really happening, the evolutionists would just quietly drop the “evidence” and start using another just-so story based on ignorance. Using this propaganda process, they built the legitimacy of the “science” of evolution.

The Scopes Trial didn’t really help evolutionary scientists. Interest was still low. Mendel’s experiments with peas was “re-discovered” and idea of inheritance was explored more closely.

By the end of the 1930s population studies were giving some new strength to evolution. The discovery of the structure of DNA in 1953 led to what is known as the “Modern Synthesis.” There was finally a mechanism for changes in creatures. No longer would just-so stories, built on ignorance, be needed. Evolution explained change, but still did not explain how a creature could develop new organs and totally different characteristics. It still had the problem of explaining survival of the fittest, but not arrival of the fittest.

As more was learned about DNA, mutations in DNA were discovered. Finally, the arrival of new characteristics could be explained. It even has a math-looking formula:

Evolution = Mutation + Natural Selection

Mutations could make drastic changes in a creature and natural selection would keep the good ones and get rid of the bad ones. Problem apparently solved. But, it turns out the formula is still ignorance plus just-so story. There are several reasons why it didn’t work. I will just cover one.

For natural selection to work, there has to be a limit on mutations. If offspring has one mutation, natural selection can select between the non-mutated and mutated offspring. But it was discovered

that offspring have an average of 100 mutations each. It was also discovered that almost all mutations are harmful. Evolutionists admit that a helpful mutation would be extremely rare. In fact, they have yet to find one. Some say the mutation that causes Sickle Cell is a “good” one because the person will not get malaria. But Sickle Cell is considered a disease by the medical profession. It just kills the person in a different way than malaria.

Various solutions have been offered. Mainstream evolutionists have rejected all but one, the Neutral Theory of Evolution. It is the topic of the next article.

In the meantime, two new problems arose for evolution. The first was the Intelligent Design (ID) movement that started in the 1990s. This was a serious problem as these scientists were gaining converts. The number of converts is increasing. Devastating to evolutionists is that many of the converts are leaders in their field of science. Since the evolutionists have no rational reason for rejecting ID, they simply call it a different version of creation science and hope the media will ignore the ID people.

With a two-for-the-price-of-one attack, they turned to the use of the mantra of **Unintelligent Design**. This would work against the ID people and against creationists who love a perfect God. If life was created by a perfect God why are things not perfect?

The second thing that happened is they finally realized that people were catching on to the pattern of using ignorance plus a just-so story.

The evolutionists changed their approach to attacking the character of those who don’t believe the evolution myth. The conversion actually started in the 1980s for use against creationists, but really got rolling when ID came along.

I will give two examples that illustrate the new “**unintelligent**” approach.

Vestigial Organs: Originally vestigial organs were defined as organs no longer in use. For example, 100 years ago, the thyroid served no purpose according to evolutionists. Then it was discovered that the thyroid is absolutely necessary

if you want to keep living. So, they redefined the word “vestigial.” Now it means no longer used OR re-purposed for a new function. The appendix is an example of a supposedly re-purposed organ. This is another argument from ignorance with a just-so story. The appendix originally was supposedly part of the intestines. **Notice the difference** between this just-so story and the just-so story of Nebraska Man. Nebraska Man was based on data... a tooth. How could you say the evolutionist was incorrect? You couldn’t until you found that same data in the skull of an extinct pig. But there is no possible data regarding the previous use of the appendix. The appendix just-so story is impossible to falsify (or show to be true).

Unintelligent Design: If a design is not perfect, then it can’t be the result of intelligent designer. Of course, we have all purchased items designed by an intelligent designer (a human) that is less than perfect. This shows ignorance of principles of design. Perfection is impossible. The goal is an **optimal** design. In other words, get it as good as possible. The evolutionists are so hungry to make this point that they have reintroduced ignorance plus a just-so story. The human eye was their early and favorite example of **poor**, therefore unintelligent, design. In fact the human eye is optimal design. This drawing illustrates the issue. On the  left is an eye with the nerves going from the light receptors to the brain behind the retina. On the right is the way the human eye is built. It appears the nerves will block some of the light. In fact, it has been discovered that there are optic fibers (**blue lines**) that transmit the light past the nerves AND enhance our vision as they do so. (Therefore, their just-so story is falsified as it is based on ignorance.) Those light receptors need a huge blood supply. Blood vessels (**red line**) are much larger than nerves so they have to be at the back of the retina so they don’t block light. Optimal design.

God doesn’t do poor design, He does optimal design... God, in the person of Jesus, is the intelligent designer of you (an optimal design), me (an optimal design) and the universe (optimal design). Finally, a true just-so story. **CRM**

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And then the surviving pair had enough offspring to replenish the population in one generation. And this repeated every generation (every 20 years) for 10 million years, more than the supposed time since the last common ancestor of humans and apes. That would mean that 500,000 beneficial mutations could be added to the population (i.e., 10,000,000/20). Even with this completely unrealistic scenario, which maximizes evolutionary progress, only about 0.02% of the human genome could be generated. Considering that the difference between the DNA of a human and a chimp, our supposed closest living relative, is greater than 5%, evolution has an obvious problem in explaining the origin of the genetic information in a creature such as a human.

The problem is much worse than this. It assumes that all the un-mutated die each generation. In the real world, they don't. The result is that it takes 300 or more generations, not just one, for the positive mutation to become permanent.

3) It is time for a new organ to start forming. That can only happen if you start changing the genetic code for an existing organ. How does the creature survive as the original organ stops functioning due to the mutations?

The solution to all problems is the Neutral Theory of Evolution (NTE). NTE states that 97% of our DNA does nothing; so it is called Junk DNA (JDNA) - Leftover

junk from evolution that is no longer used or needed by the creature. Since only human DNA has been deeply investigated, it will be our example. JDNA is free to mutate in any way as those mutations will cause no harm. When mutations have created the code for a new feature that will be helpful, it starts being used by the cell.

This allows almost all mutations to be un-harmful and to speed up the process of one kind of creature becoming another kind. Once an old organ is no longer needed, the code for it becomes JDNA. In addition, mutations that duplicate long stretches of DNA generate more Junk DNA to work with. ALL PROBLEMS SOLVED!

In deed, many evolutionists have stated that JDNA is *the* best evidence of evolution. I must admit that if there were very much JDNA, the creation argument would be much tougher to consider.

Do you see the pattern? A just-so story of JDNA was formulated based on ignorance. The evolutionist did not know what 97% of DNA does, so they could say anything about it and nobody could say they were wrong. But now we know... They are wrong! Every time some sequence of JDNA is researched, it is found to have important function. It is the control system of the body. Past just-so stories based on ignorance were a minor loss when shown to be incorrect. Not so this time. **The entire theory of evolution is absolutely dependent on JDNA.** The idea of JDNA has been falsified and evolution along

with it.

Of course, the evolutionists have not thrown in the towel. Some claim that JDNA has no function. They say that only DNA that codes for proteins has "function." JDNA just controls how things happen. For example, cancer is the result of JDNA. Your cells are programmed to duplicate. A section of JDNA tells the duplication process to stop after a cell is duplicated. If that section gets mutated, it doesn't stop the cell from duplicating and it just keeps on reproducing, giving you cancer. The evolutionist argument is like saying: Building a computer is a function. The operating system and software you put in memory have no function. Their argument is ridiculous. It is the software that causes the computer to do what it does... compute.

I need to clarify one thing. I am not saying there is absolutely no JDNA. Mutations have been occurring for 6000 years. There probably is a small amount of JDNA to be found in the human genome, but most likely well under 1% of the DNA. The evolutionist needs over 90% for his theory to work.

Next issue, we will deal with the idea of new characteristics being the result of new functions being created by evolution.

Never in the history of science has the truth of creation been so plainly displayed as it is in human DNA. Thank you God, in the person of Jesus. CRM

QUOTE:

I speak from experience, being strongly subject to this fear myself: I want atheism to be true and am made uneasy by the fact that some of the most intelligent and well-informed people I know are religious believers. It isn't just that I don't believe in God and, naturally, hope that I'm right in my belief. It's that I hope there is no God! I don't want there to be a God; I don't want the universe to be like that. My guess is that this cosmic authority problem is not a rare condition and that it is responsible for much of the scientism and reductionism of our time. One of the tendencies it supports is the ludicrous overuse of evolutionary biology to explain everything about human life, including everything about the human mind This is a somewhat ridiculous situation [I]t is just as irrational to be influenced in one's beliefs by the hope that God does not exist as by the hope that God does exist.

Thomas Nagel, *The Last Word* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1997). 130-131.

POINT:

This is what it all comes down to. Evolution simply doesn't work. From the beginning it has been a just-so story based on ignorance... that later was shown to be false. The Bible says "No one seeks God, no not one." But it is worse. The "new atheists" don't just not seek God, the possibility of a God is the worst horror story they can imagine. The bottom line is that they hate God. They know God is real. No evolutionist can look at how the theory has crumbled under evidence and think there is a naturalistic explanation for life. The old saying, "Misery loves company" is at work here. They don't care they go to hell (in fact they prefer it), they demand you join them. How sad.