

## Was Darwin Right? Dr. Terry Mortenson (Young Earth Creationist)

1. National Academy of Science – “There is no debate within the scientific community over whether evolution has occurred...”
2. Evolution theory is based on assumptions, called “Philosophical Naturalism”, which says:
  - a. Nature or matter is all that exists
  - b. Everything can and must be explained by time plus chance plus laws of nature working on matter.
3. “The influence of evolutionary theory on fields far removed from biology is one of the most spectacular examples in history of how a highly speculative idea for which there is no really hard scientific evidence can come to fashion the thinking of a whole society and dominate the outlook of an age. Ultimately, the Darwinian theory of evolution is no more nor less than the great cosmogenic myth of the twentieth century.” – Michael Denton, *Evolution: a theory in crisis*
4. Creationist’s presuppositions come from the Bible (especially in Genesis – “after their kind”).
5. God created the different kinds of plants and animals distinct. He built into their genetic information potential for variety within the kind, but not the ability to change from one kind into another.
6. 2 Key Questions:
  - a. How did the DNA Information for the supposed first living microscopic creature come into existence?
  - b. How did the DNA Information in that “simple” creature get changed and augmented to produce all the different kinds of plants and animals that we see in the fossil record and living today?
7. 1953 – Miller / Urey experiment. Attempted to create “life” (amino acids) from non-life.
8. They had to create a “trap” to hold the organic compounds otherwise they would’ve been destroyed in the same environment in which they were created (that’s cheating).
9. “Nobody knows how a mixture of lifeless chemicals spontaneously organized themselves into the first living cell.” – Paul Davies (Australian Centre for Astrobiology, Macquarie University)
10. Does the fossil record support evolution or creation?
  - a. Evolutionists created the Geological Time Scale (or Geological Column). This column does not exist anywhere in the real world, except in the text books and magazine articles. We find marine fossils all throughout this column.
  - b. Evolutionists claim that vertical change has occurred. From single cell → Humans
  - c. Creationists say that horizontal variation has occurred – variation within kinds.
  - d. “The extreme rarity of transitional forms in the fossil record persists as the trade secret of paleontology. The evolutionary trees that adorn our textbooks have data only at the tips and nodes of their branches; the rest is inference, however reasonable, not evidence of fossils” – Stephen J. Gould – Evolutionist-from Scientific American magazine
  - e. The evolutionists can only point to a handful of very controversial examples (of transitional forms).
  - f. According to Gould, 2 characteristics of the fossil record are:
    - i. Abrupt Appearance (creatures appear suddenly in the fossil record)
    - ii. Stasis (once creatures appear in fossil record, they basically stay the same)
  - g. Living fossils – organisms that we thought to have gone extinct but are found alive

- h. Many creatures have not changed at all (comparing live specimens with fossils) in the supposed tens or hundreds of millions of years of evolution.
  - i. Evolutionists sometimes commit misinterpretation based on inadequate fossil evidence
  - j. Whale evolution given as an example. U.C. Berkeley
11. Embryonic recapitulation – that the embryo “rehearses” its evolutionary history as it develops (Ernst Haeckel – embryo pictures were a fraud, printed in some text books)
12. Conclusions (Part 1):
- a. Evolutionists have NO idea how the first living cell came into existence by chance
  - b. Evolutionists have NO INDISPUTABLE fossil evidence that one kind of creature evolved into a different kind of creature.
13. Does the study of living creatures support evolution (tree of life) or creation (forest of life)?
- a. There is not an evolutionist on the face of the earth that would look at this (amazing sand sculpture) and say “look at what the ocean washed up on the shore last night!”
  - b. Information comes from a mind.
  - c. “There is no known law of nature, no known process and no known sequence of events which can cause information to originate by itself in matter” – Werner Gitt
  - d. Space shuttle, cell phones and other examples of man-made technology are simple compared to a living cell.
  - e. Information in DNA:
    - i. DNA (DeoxyriboNucleic Acid or **Definitely No Accident**)
    - ii. DNA to cover a pin tip would be the information equivalent of a stack of books from the Earth to the moon 240 times
    - iii. The amount of DNA in every cell of our bodies is the equivalent of 3 or 4 sets of the 20 volumes of the encyclopedia Britannica (Richard Dawkins)
    - iv. It’s the DNA that produces the variety (peas, horses, skin color, etc.)
  - f. The Supposed Mechanisms of Evolution:
    - i. Natural Selection
      - 1. Natural selection is a FACT – creationists believe in it
      - 2. Natural selection is NOT evolution
      - 3. Natural selection is a CONSERVATIVE, not a creative, process. Nature can only select what is already there. It can’t create something new.
      - 4. Dogs – the question is “where did the first dog come from”, not how did you get the variety.
      - 5. This process of variation involves a loss of genetic information (e.g. poodle)
      - 6. Nature selects the long haired dogs because they have the characteristics that will allow them to live in that environment
      - 7. Natural selection can explain the SURVIVAL of the fittest but NOT the ARRIVAL of the fittest.
      - 8. Natural selection is the God-designed method of preserving representatives of the original created kinds
    - ii. Random Mutations
      - 1. Fruit fly experiments – bombard them with radiation and see what mutations occur. None of these is an improvement on the original and

none of these would survive in the wild – nature would select the healthy, “normal” ones and weed out these mutants.

2. Mutations are a FACT
3. But mutations nearly always reduce information, they never INCREASE functional information
4. “All point mutations that have been studied on the molecular level turn out to reduce the genetic information and not to increase it” – Lee Spetner, *Not By Chance: Shattering the Modern Theory of Evolution*
5. Evolutionists will say that there are some beneficial mutations
6. H. Pylori – bacteria, which is can be killed by absorbing the antibiotic which is converted to a poison. Mutant H. pylori lacks the ability to produce the enzyme. No enzyme, no poison, no death. Survived by a LOSS of information.
7. “Whoever thinks macroevolution can be made by mutations that lose information is like the merchant who lost a little money on every sale but thought he could make it up in volume.” – Lee Spetner, *Not By Chance: Shattering the Modern Theory of Evolution*
8. For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. (Romans 8:22)
9. Mutations are the God-ordained consequences of His curse on creation because of Adam’s sin.
10. Undirected, Random, Natural Processes + Time  Complex, Functional Design (Information)
11. Tools found in cave **not** result of random chance. SETI program (Search for Extra Terrestrial Intelligence), listen for organized pattern of sounds

#### 14. Summary:

- a. Natural selection? FACT
- b. Mutations? FACT
- c. Natural Selection + mutation=molecule-to-man evolution? NOT FACT
- d. Information does not come from matter.
- e. No indisputable transitional fossils
- f. Nature produces no new information
- g. The issue is not micro-evolution vs. macro-evolution
- h. The issue is not the **size** of change, it is the **direction** of change
- i. The issue is the origin and addition of genetic information
- j. “A man who has no assured and ever-present belief in the existence of a personal God, or of a future existence with retribution and reward, can have for his rule of life, as far as I can see, only to follow those impulses and instincts which are the strongest or which seem to him the best ones” - Charles Darwin (Judges 17:6b)
- k. If ape is in your past, morality is relative, man sets the rules
- l. Romans 1:18-20 (we are without excuse because of creation)