

Dear Mr. Darwin

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Dear Mr. Darwin,

What would you have thought if you knew that you had spawned one of the greatest faith movements of the modern world? If you knew that your followers esteem your theory to be nothing less than unadulterated fact? If you knew the nearly bloodthirsty zeal with which they uphold your thoughts and teachings? I write to show you the problems found in your theory even today, approximately 150 years after the first publication of your book, *On the Origin of Species*. I write to tell you why those problems still exist. And finally, I write to show you the impact of your words on humanity today.

One aspect of your theory that I found quite fascinating was the fact that although your book is entitled *On the Origin of Species*, you do not actually address the origin of the very first cell from which all species supposedly come. Instead, you simply assume the cell's existence. This is quite a bold assumption to make. The cell is an incredibly complex organism and simply believing that one eventually came about by means of evolutionary processes completely overlooks the many steps and complications in bringing about such an event. The current belief is that a cell somehow formed in a primordial soup. This belief, however, violates multiple laws of chemistry. For example, one of the first problems we run into when considering this explanation for the origin of the cell is the problem of unreactivity.¹ This problem centers on the fact that naturally-occurring chemicals cannot react in a watery environment. The presence of a primordial soup would hinder amino acids and nucleotides from being able to form the polymeric backbone required for proteins and DNA. Another problematic area in the development of the cell is a fascinating little conundrum which states that life cannot develop in

¹ McCombs, C. 2009. Chemistry by Chance: A Formula for Non-Life. Acts&Facts. Vol. 38 No.2. p. 30

the presence of oxygen, but cannot survive without it.² Mathematicians have calculated that the probability of developing even one protein in a certain mix of atmospheric gasses is approximately 1×10^{-191} . The probability of producing a cell in the same environment is $1 \times 10^{-40,000}$. By the law of probability, we can conclude that these two events are impossible, and to continue to dogmatically claim that they actually happened pushes us into the realm of faith and miracles.

If something as foundational as the first cell has so many problems and discrepancies, it would follow that what comes after the cell would too. For years, scientists have been troubled by the lack of transitional fossils in the fossil record. As you have observed, contrary to all the charts, the fossil record is not chronologically divided up and neatly categorized. Instead, it is filled with a fairly disorganized array of fossils; nothing in the fossil sequence suggests any evolutionary progression. Stephen Jay Gould, an evolutionist himself even remarked, “I regard the failure to find a clear “vector of progress” in life’s history as the most puzzling fact of the fossil record....we have sought to impose a pattern that we hoped to find on a world that does not really display it.”³ The lack of transitional fossils continues to baffle many. If evolution is true, the earth should be teeming with transitions; however, “as is now well known, most fossil species appear instantaneously in the fossil record, persist for some millions of years virtually unchanged, only to disappear abruptly”.⁴ Years upon years of research have yielded virtually nothing.

² Riddle, M. 2008. *4 Power Questions to Ask an Evolutionist*. DVD. Produced by Answers in Genesis

³ Gould, Stephen Jay. 1984. The Edicarian Experiment. *Natural History*. 93:23. Quoted in Morris, H. 2009. *The Vanishing Case for Evolution*. Acts&Facts. Vol.38 No.2. p.18

⁴ Kemp, Tom. 1985. A Fresh Look at the Fossil Record. *New Scientist*. 108: 67. Quoted in Morris, H. 2009. *The Vanishing Case for Evolution*. Acts&Facts. Vol. 38 No.2. p.18

Closely related to the problem of transitional fossils is the problem of adaption and natural selection as outlined in your book. Changes within species - if species is defined as essentially those forms which cannot interbreed - have been observed to occur, but not on the level discussed in your theory.⁵ In fact, extensive study has shown these changes to be brought about by loss of DNA information, not the addition of information. Because of this observation, it would be impossible for any “species” to completely change into a different one. The basic genetic information just is not present.

Because of all the flaws found in modern evolution, one has to wonder whether there is a more satisfactory explanation to life as observed by mankind. I believe the creation account found in Genesis and confirmed throughout the rest of the Bible is the only satisfactory explanation to the questions about life and origins. The Bible states that “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth”. Though such a simple statement, it really is the only explanation that has a great deal of scientific evidence. Creation as laid out in the Bible does not contradict cellular origin, transitional fossils, the fossil record, or natural selection. The creation of a fully formed organism in an oxygen possessing atmosphere eliminates the problem of unreactivity, as well as the oxygen conundrum earlier stated. The cataclysmic flood account later in Genesis clarifies the haphazard fossil record. Why aren’t there any transitional fossils? God created animals to reproduce within their kinds. This leaves room for variation within kinds as the kinds respond to environmental changes. However, this does not leave room for different kinds to appear.

⁵ Sherwin, F. and Thomas, B. Do “New Species” Demonstrate Darwinism? Acts & Facts. 2009. Vol. 38. No.2. p. 36

Although creationism gives a scientifically supported view of the origins of life, many people continue to adhere dogmatically to the theory of evolution. The impact your theory has had on mankind, 150 years after it was introduced, is astounding. Evolution strips man of purpose, goals, and reason, and turns him into a beast, merely looking out after himself to ensure comfortable survival in the world. One of your followers, Richard Dawkins, commented that “Life has no higher purpose than to perpetuate the survival of DNA...life has no design, no purpose, no evil, and no good, nothing but blind pitiless indifference.”⁶ Another evolutionist, William Provine, said, “There are no gods, no purposes, and no goal-directed forces of any kind. There is no life after death...There is no ultimate foundation for ethics, no ultimate meaning in life, and no free will for humans.”⁷ This devaluing of human life has let rise to some horrendous practices and events in human history. Your ideas have been “... used to justify practices ranging from laissez-faire capitalism, racism, colonialism, Francis Galton’s eugenics, and social Darwinism”.⁸ One historical figure in particular stands out as an awful example of taking your theory to the extreme in its application to the human race. Adolf Hitler aimed to create an “Aryan race” by brutally murdering any human he deemed unfit to live.

Although new scientific discoveries and further studies continue to yield proof against evolution, entire societies still cling to it. This mass following has become less and less a following of scientists as much as a following of believers. In fact, this following of believers has really become one of the largest faith movements of modern times. It has all come down to a

⁶ Dawkins. R. Quoted in Acts & Facts. 2009. Vol 38 No. 2. p. 22

⁷ Provine, William. Quoted in Stein, B. 2008 *Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed*. DVD. Directed by Nathan Frankowski. Premise Media Corporation, L.P.

⁸ Dao. C. 2009. Charles Darwin: The Man Behind the Monkey. Acts & Facts. Vol. 38 No.2. p.13

battle of the faiths. I choose faith in the Creator of all who has given everything life and meaning. In closing, I leave you with one of the most epic statements to affect mankind, found in Genesis 1:1, which states, "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."

Sincerely,

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