

# THE CREATION-EVOLUTION CONTROVERSY

## Introduction

- Charles Darwin's *Origin of Species* (1859)
  - Full Title: *The Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection of Favoured Races in the Struggle For Life*
  - Lower life forms evolve into higher life forms given enough time (millions or billions of years)
  - Over 800 times Darwin uses the words "it is supposed that" when making his statements
- Some Uses of Darwin and the Doctrine of Evolution Outside of Science
  - Higher Criticism of the Bible – the Bible supposedly is believed to have been written many hundreds of years later than the traditional dates given
  - Hitler's two-volume work *Mein Kampf* has two chapters dedicated to Darwin's view of evolution and how it justifies the handling of the Jewish problem (as he saw it) and how it justifies the conquering of other countries to give room for the Aryan race

## Why I Do Not Believe in Evolution

### *The Biblical Evidence: Evolution Contradicts the Bible*

1. The Bible teaches special creation in six literal 24-hour days (Gen. 1, Exodus 20:11). Furthermore, the original creation is *ex nihilo* (out of nothing) which evolution does not allow.
2. The Bible teaches that life begins on land, not in the water (day 3).
3. The Bible teaches that the earth was created before the sun, moon, and stars (day 1 versus day 4).
4. Light existed before the sun and moon (compare Revelation 21-22).
4. The Bible teaches that birds were created before reptiles (day 5 versus day 6).
5. The Bible teaches that death entered the world with Adam (Gen. 3) instead of millions of years earlier in the struggle for the fittest.
6. The Bible teaches a worldwide Flood in Noah's day which would have wiped most of the evidence that existed of the previous world while evolution suggests that we can trust the ongoing processes we see today and happening for millions of years into the past.
7. The Bible teaches a young age for the earth somewhere between 6000 and 10000 years based upon the genealogies of Gen. 5, 10, 11.
8. The Bible teaches that all races come from a common original human pair (of one blood [Acts 17]) while evolution allows for variation. Notice the anti-racism context of Paul's statement in Acts 17. The Bible does not allow one to believe that there will one day be a strain of the human race that pops out and is superior to all others.

9. The Bible teaches that everything is degrading (the effects of the curse in Gen. 3) and that the human race is getting worse and worse, not better and better (implication of prophecies such as Matt. 24).
10. The Bible teaches that life forms propagate “after their kind” (Gen. 1:11, 12, 21, 24) and do not yield changes that lead to new “higher” life forms.
11. The Bible teaches that dinosaurs and men existed simultaneously rather than dinosaurs dying out long before man arrived on the scene (Job 40-41).

### *Evolution Contradicts Scientific Evidence*

1. There are just as many natural processes that yield a young age for the earth as ones that yield an old age for the earth if you extrapolate backwards.
2. Proof of *horizontal* evolution is used wrongfully as proof of *vertical* evolution.
  - The peppered moth
  - The fruit fly
3. There is no evidence of any vertical evolution whatsoever. Macroevolution conveniently [?] cannot be observed in one lifetime.
4. There are gaps in the fossil records which show that there is no continuous flow of evolution over millions of years. Furthermore, the fossils show evidence of catastrophe that harmonizes better with biblical information (e.g., the Mammoth, upright trees)
5. The dating techniques (radiometric, carbon, etc.) all have assumptions in them and are not direct measurements of time. The evolutionary assumptions behind them lead to the old ages. In fact, the same identical rocks have been dated billions of years apart in age by different dating techniques.
6. The second law of thermodynamics suggests that everything is degrading and running down in the direction of more randomness, not in the direction of more order and organization which evolution would require.
7. There are marine fossils in the tops of every major mountain range in the world. Why is this so if there never was a universal worldwide flood as evolution maintains?
8. The geologic column taught in our schools does not exist in one place anywhere on earth. It is a man-made teaching device to explain a theory. It is not a scientific observation.
9. The overwhelming amount of sedimentary rock on the surface of the earth demonstrates the truth of a worldwide flood contrary to evolutionary teaching.