

Creation – the Evidence says Yes!

**The scientific evidence points to
creation, not evolution**

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Why is This Subject Important?

- ▶ **How we got here and why are we here are the most fundamental of questions**
- ▶ **The answer to these questions affects how we think about the world, our “world-view”**
- ▶ **Creation is a God-based world-view, evolution is not**
- ▶ **The truth about origins is not being taught**
 - ▶ **The possibility of special creation being true is disallowed in the public and scientific marketplace, leading to atheistic thinking**

World-view Implications

- ▶ **Creation:** man is special, different from animals; put here for a purpose; **God is in control**
- ▶ **Evolution:** man is nothing special, just an advanced animal; man is an “accident” of nature; man is in control
- ▶ **What are the “fruits” of an evolutionary world-view?**
 - ▶ **Cheapening of human life**
 - ▶ **Unwarranted elevation of animal life**
 - ▶ **Why shouldn't men act like animals?**

There is no Middle Ground!

Reality consists either of:

▶ No God

- ▶ Then a process like evolution must have occurred
- ▶ Materialism (only material things are real) / naturalism (nature is all there is) is reality

▶ There is a God

- ▶ Then explaining the universe and life as the work of God is reasonable and expected
- ▶ Both the natural and supernatural are real

Views on Origins

Secular Science

Evolution – No need for God



Intelligent Design

There is a designer (unspecified)



Old-Earth Creationism

The designer is the God of the Bible



Young-Earth Creationism

The history of the Bible is true

DAYS OF CREATION IN GENESIS ONE



EARTH, SPACE, TIME & LIGHT



ATMOSPHERE



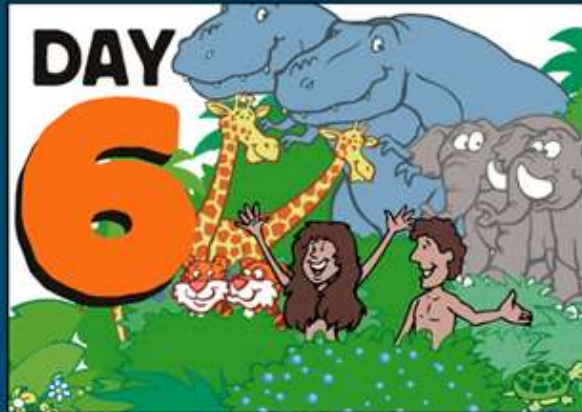
DRY LAND & PLANTS



SUN, MOON & STARS



SEA & FLYING CREATURES

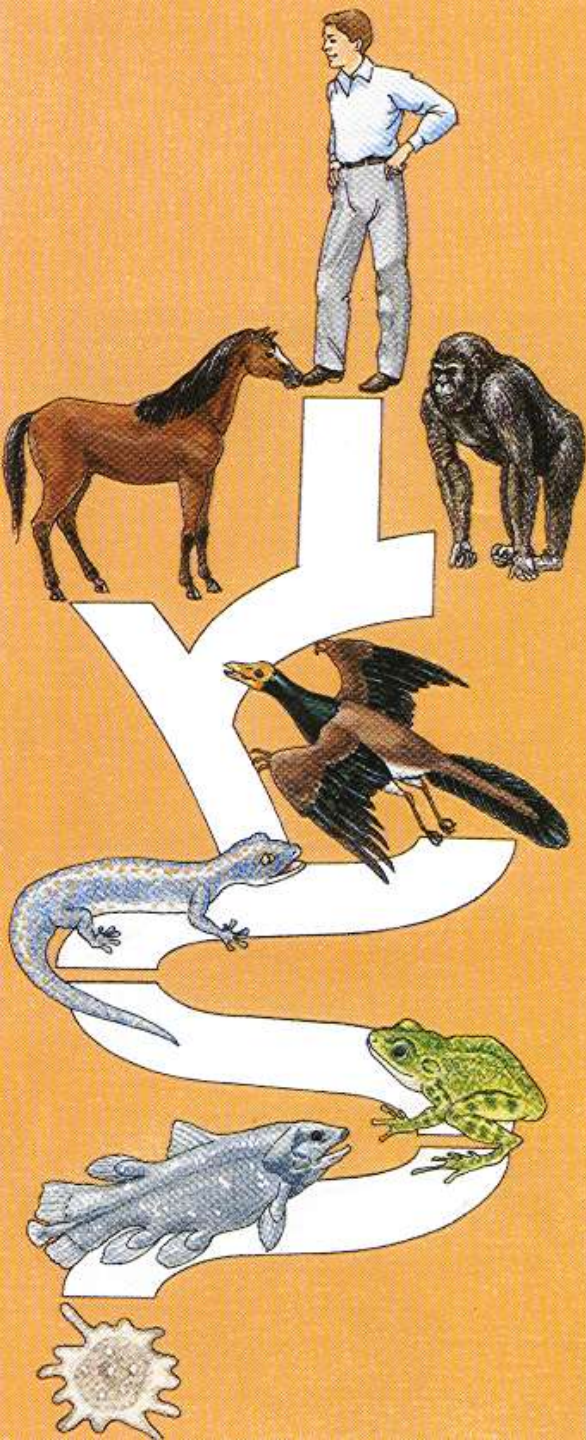


LAND ANIMALS & MAN

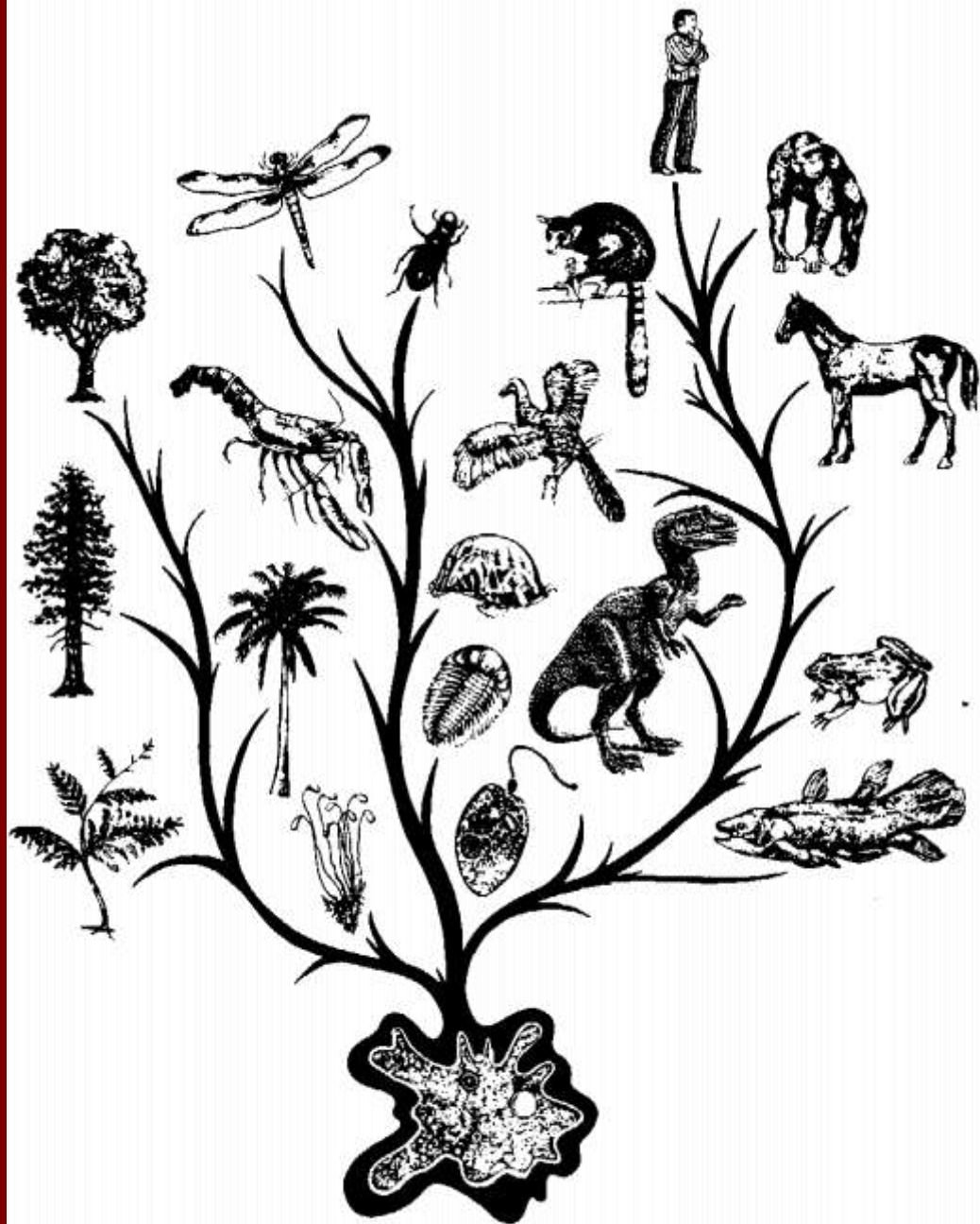
The “Theory of Evolution”

- ▶ The “Theory of Evolution” as outlined by Darwin applies to living organisms
- ▶ “Neo-Darwinism” updates Darwin with genetics
- ▶ Mutations supply the new raw material
- ▶ Natural selection retains the mutations which provide a reproductive advantage
- ▶ All life (plant and animal) has derived from a common ancestor

Evolutionary Stages



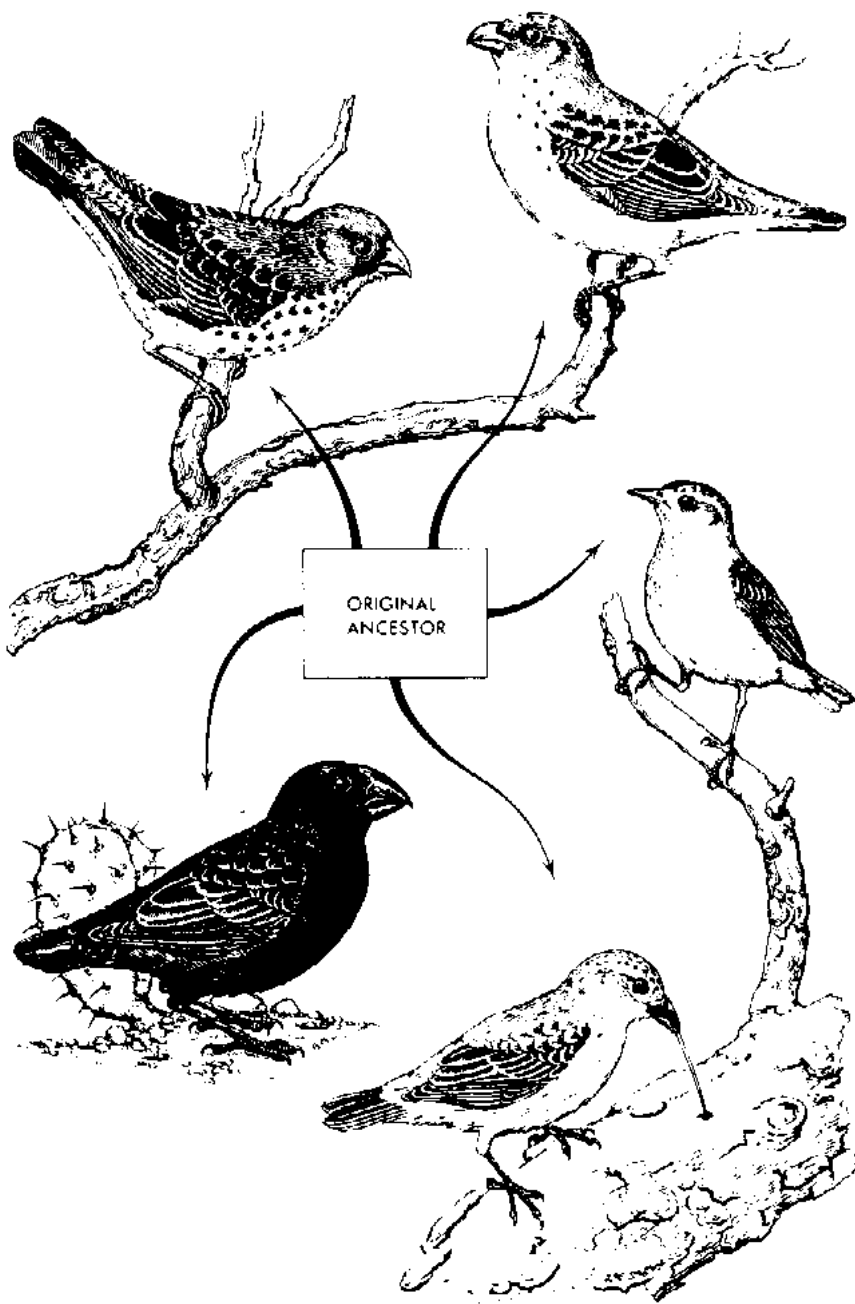
Dead chemicals } Abiogenesis
First life }
Invertebrates (no backbone)
Vertebrates (backbone)
Amphibians
Reptiles
Birds
Mammals
Primates
Man



**Descent from a
Common Ancestor**

“Evolution” - Proved or Not?

- ▶ **The word “evolution” is used in different ways - one true, the others not**
- ▶ **“Variation” - the adaptation of populations through natural selection is well-proven**
 - ▶ **Frequently called “micro-evolution”, but this is a misnomer as no “upward evolution” is taking place - no increase in complexity/information is being generated**
 - ▶ **Illustrates good design (like bridge expansion joints)**
- ▶ **“Macro-evolution” - change beyond the species level, is “a research topic”**



Galapagos finches demonstrate variation, not evolution – they are all finches and can inter-breed

Figure 1.1: The Galapagos finches. *Some of the different species of finches on the Galapagos Islands, all of which originated from a common ancestor.* (from Lack)¹⁹

Peppered Moth “Evolution”

- ▶ Study took place in industrial England (1800's)
- ▶ Start with mostly light-colored moths, a few dark
 - ▶ Light moths hidden on light trees, dark eaten
- ▶ Industrial pollution turns trees dark
 - ▶ Now dark moths hidden, light eaten
- ▶ Population shifted from mostly white to mostly dark
- ▶ Start with moths, end with moths!
- ▶ If trees had turned blue from polluting dye, would blue moths have developed?
- ▶ Natural selection here, but no evolution!

Peppered Moths



David Fox/Oxford Scientific Films

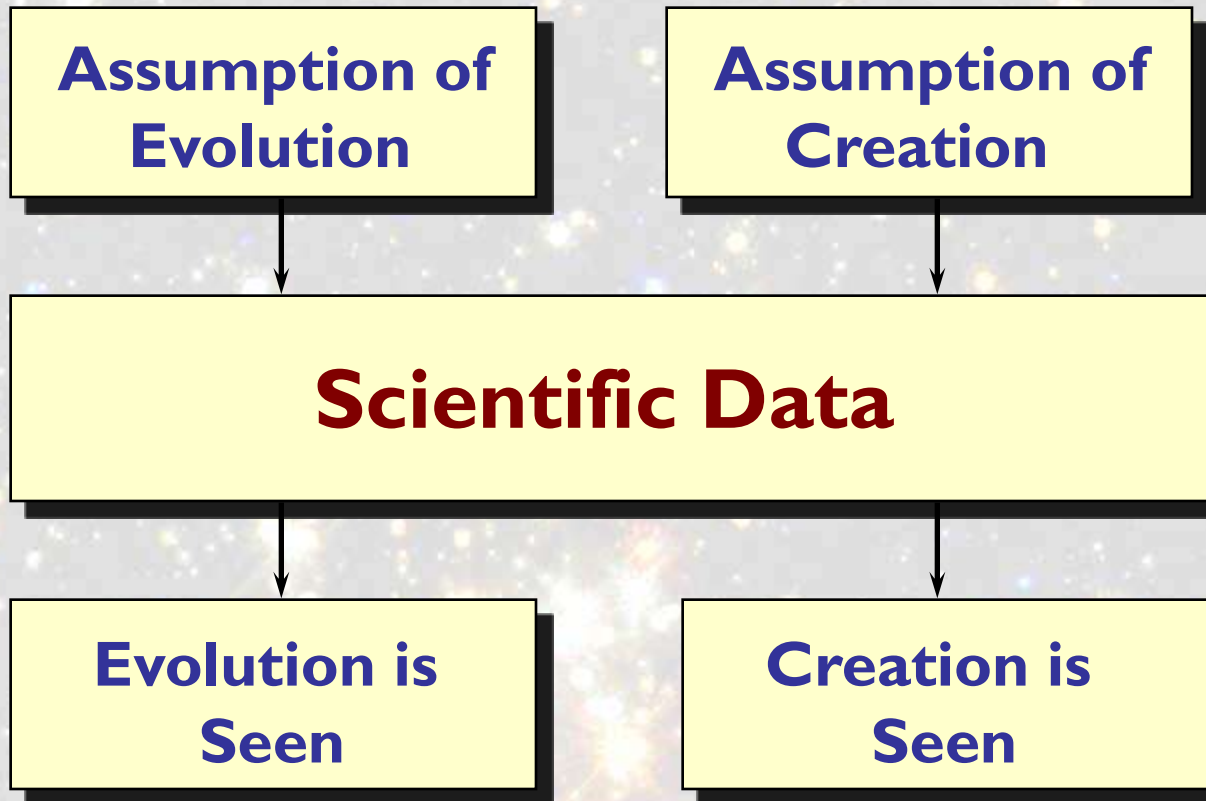
What is True?

- ▶ **Natural Selection - YES**
- ▶ **Subatomic particles to people - NO**
 - ▶ **Unguided “Big Bang” to the earth - NO**
 - ▶ **Life from non-life - NO**
 - ▶ **Simple life to higher order life - NO**
 - ▶ **Apes to men - NO**
- ▶ **Textbook examples of “evolution in action” are illustrating natural selection only!**

Comparing Worldviews

	Creation-Christianity	Evolution - Naturalism
God	There is a God who is personal, eternal, exists outside of time	There is no God (nature is all there is)
The Universe	Created by God	Appeared from nothing through a “quantum fluctuation”
People	Created in the image of God	A cosmic accident – the result of evolution
Spiritual world	Is real, Satan is the leader of the fallen angels	Religion is a myth made up by man
Who is in control?	God	Man
Moral laws	Ten Commandments – absolute, unchanging	Determined by man, can be changed by man
Your future	Heaven or Hell	No life after death

Interpretation of Scientific Data



Interpretation is influenced by assumptions and biases

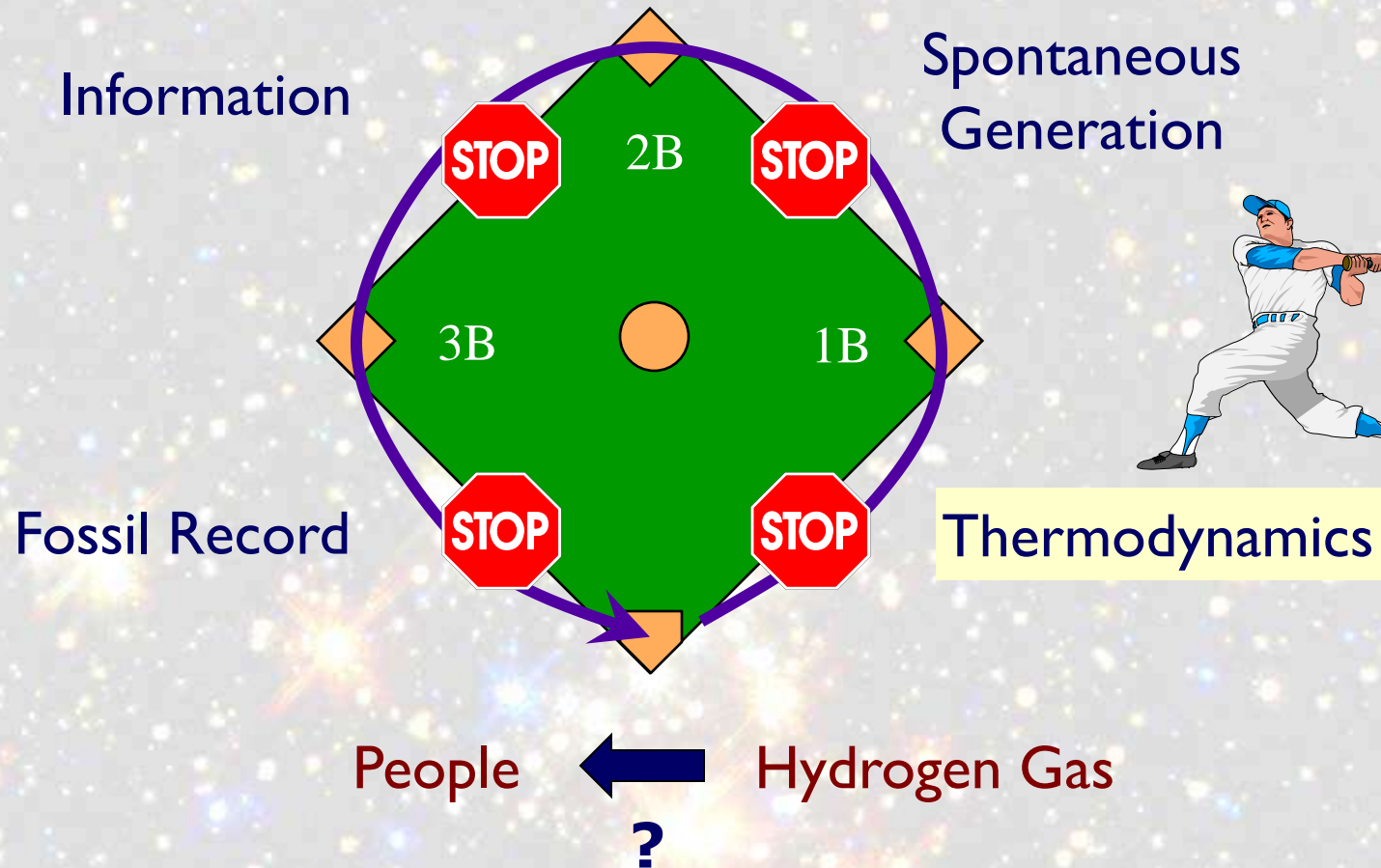
Grand Canyon: Evidence for A) Evolution over long ages, or B) Noah's flood?





Evolution Baseball

An Impossible Game to Win!



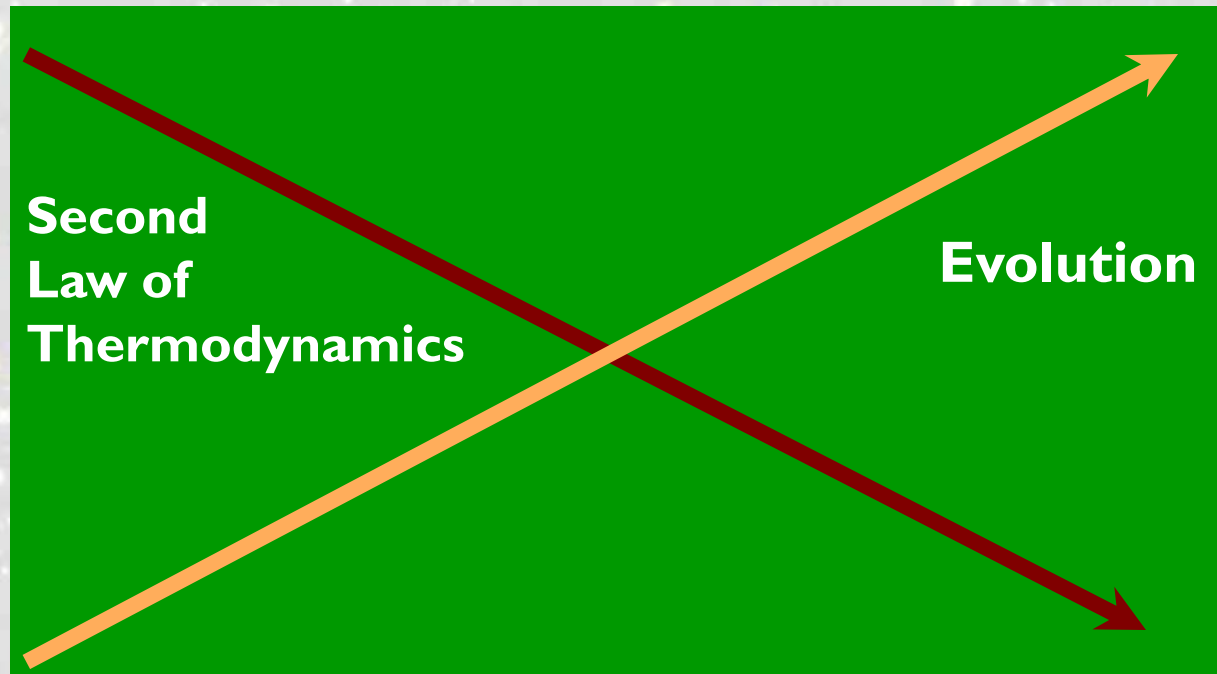
Second Law of Thermodynamics

- ▶ **Over time, left to themselves, things go from being ordered to unordered, they tend to mix together**
 - ▶ **Hot and cold mix to become warm**
 - ▶ **Buildings fall down when neglected**
 - ▶ **Your room becomes messier if you don't clean it up!**



Time's Arrow

Information



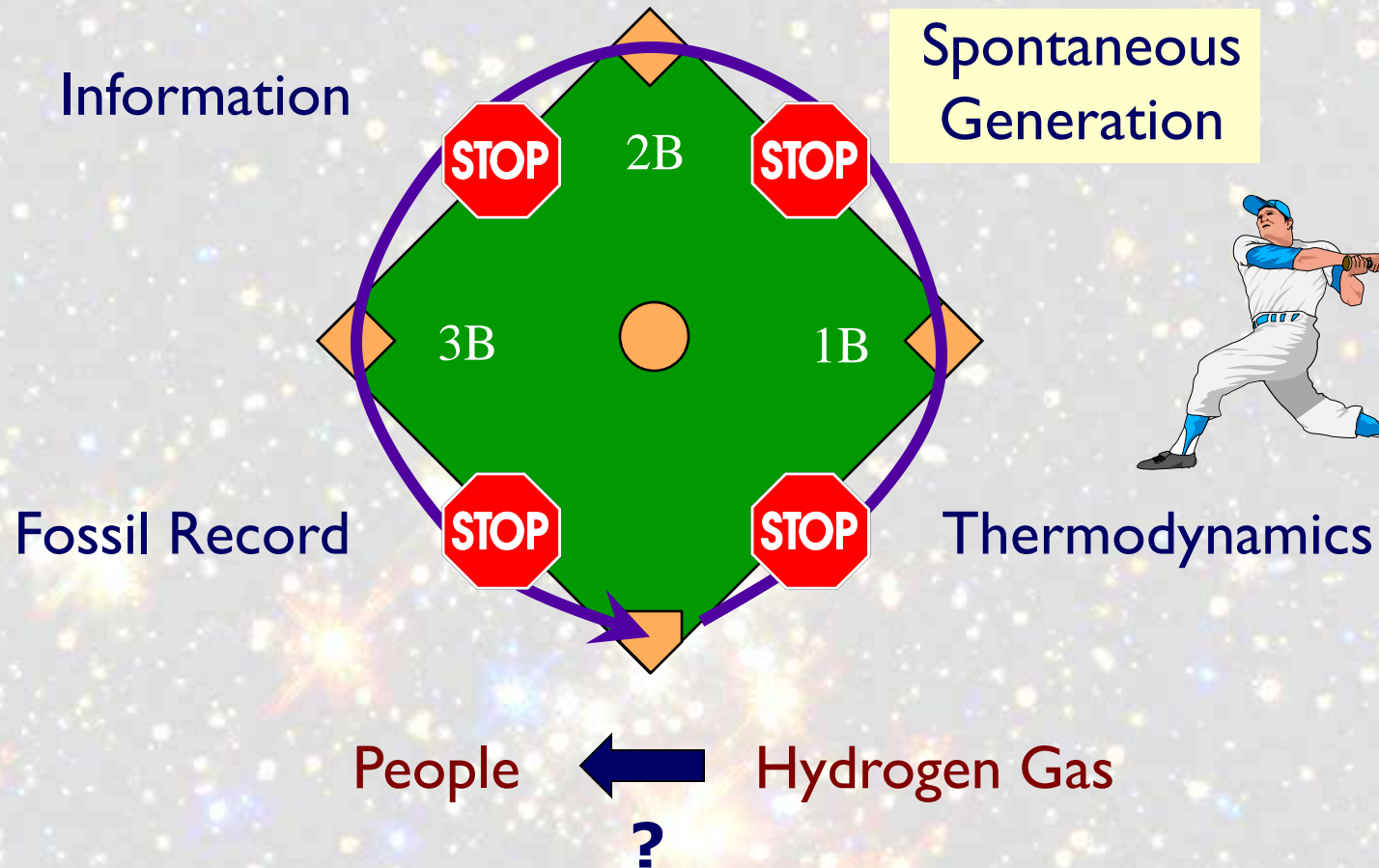
Time

Evolution runs contrary to “Time’s Arrow” - we know from the Second Law of Thermodynamics that the universe is “running down”, yet evolution postulates just the opposite!



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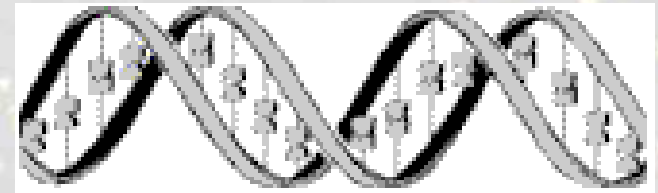
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The Origin of Life

▲ The creation of life is tremendously complex:

- ▶ Requires both DNA (the plan) and RNA (the copy mechanism) at the same time

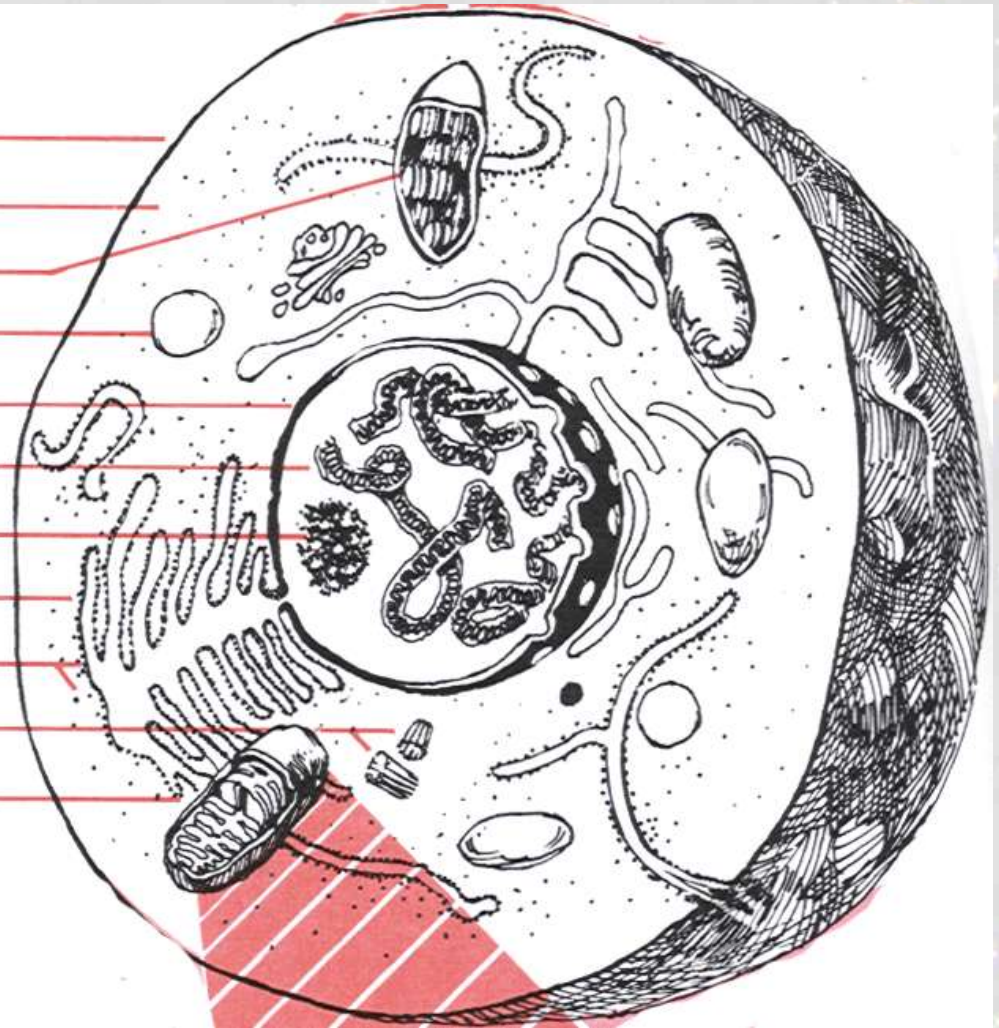


- ▶ The average protein consists of a chain of 300-500 amino acids (of which there are 20 kinds). The odds of the spontaneous formation of a working protein is zero.

- For example, odds of getting just 200 amino acids in correct order by chance = 1 in $20^{200} = 1$ in 10^{260}
- There are only 10^{80} atoms in the whole universe!

The Cell: Many Complex Parts Working Together

Cell Membrane
Cytoplasm
Plastid
Vacuole
NUCLEUS
Nuclear Envelope
Chromosome with DNA
Nucleolus
Endoplasmic Reticulum
Ribosomes
Centrioles
Mitochondrion

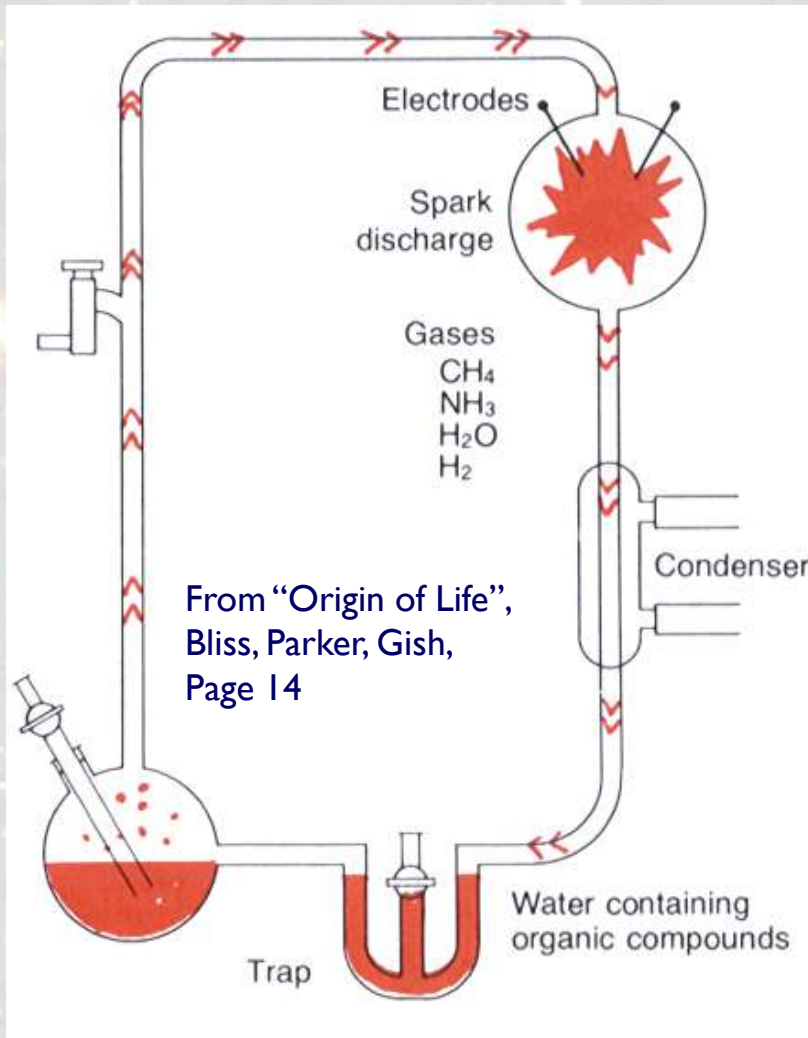


From "Origin of Life", Bliss,
Parker, Gish, Page 36

Laboratory Experiments

- ▶ **Laboratory experiments to demonstrate evolution have failed:**
 - ▶ **Fruit-fly experiments (artificially mutating fruit flies over many generations) have failed to produce anything other than a fruit fly**
 - ▶ **All attempts to create life from chemicals have failed**

Stanley Miller Experiment



- ▶ Conducted in the 1950's
- ▶ Produced a few amino acids (low-level building blocks of life)
- ▶ Does not demonstrate how life might have begun naturally:
 - ▶ Not all amino acids produced, nor sugars, purines, etc.
 - ▶ Both left and right handed forms produced
 - ▶ No macromolecules produced (e.g. proteins, DNA, RNA)
 - ▶ Artificial trap
 - ▶ Also produced molecules destructive to life

The Creation of Man (Day 6)

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him.

And the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living being.

Genesis 1:27, 2:7

The Formation of Eve (Later on Day 6)



So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man.

Genesis 2:21-22

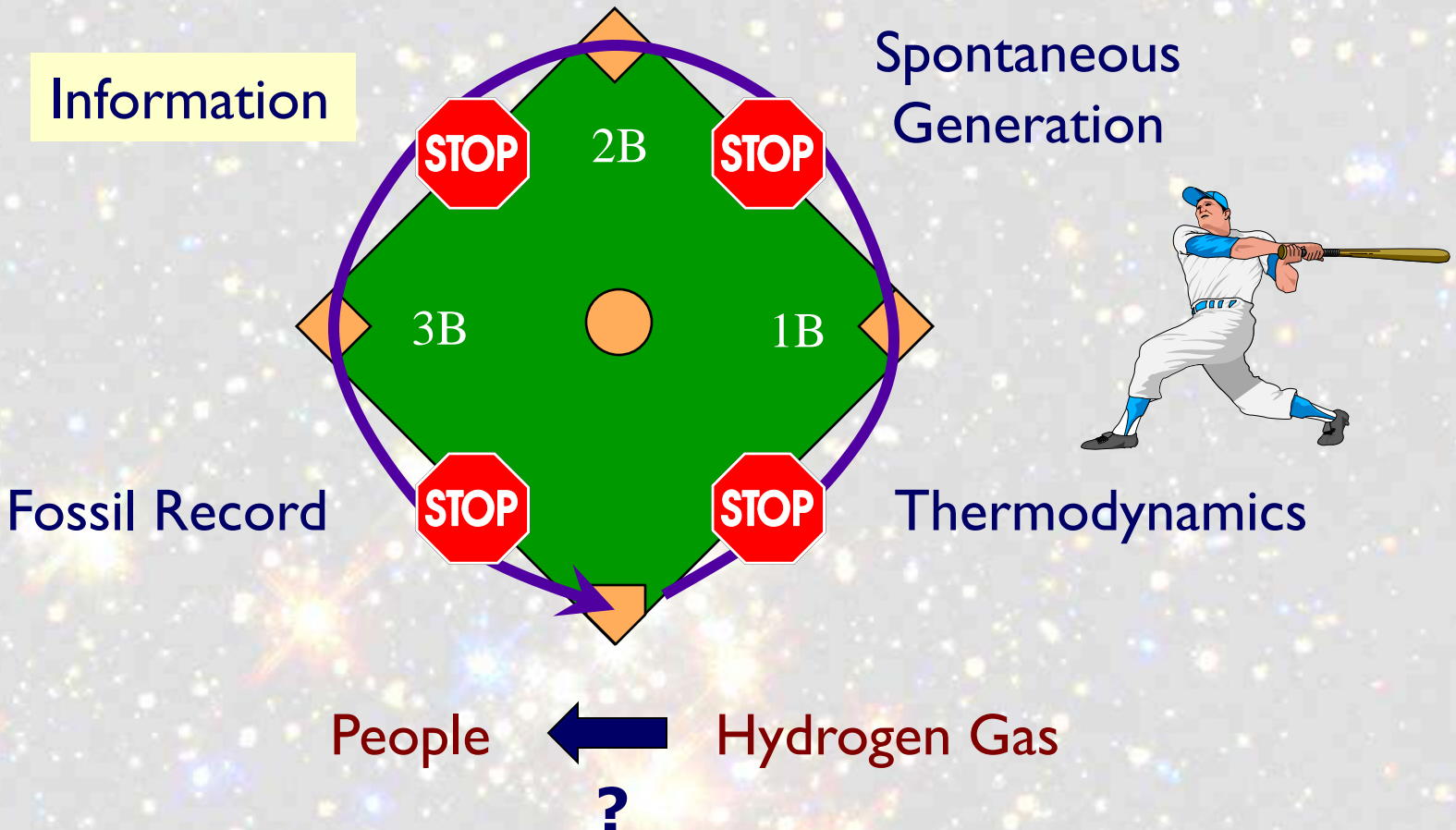
**Everyone alive today is
descended from Adam and Eve.**

**The life that God breathed into
Adam has flowed through every
generation all the way down to you!**



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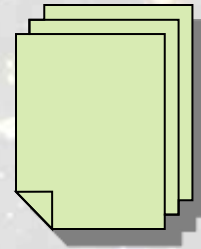


What is Information?

- ▶ **Information = knowledge or instructions; a blueprint**
- ▶ **The more complex something is, the more information it contains**
 - ▶ **More words are needed to describe it**
 - ▶ **Longer instructions are needed to build it**
- ▶ **The information for how to build, operate, and repair life is coded in the DNA**

Information is a Mental Concept

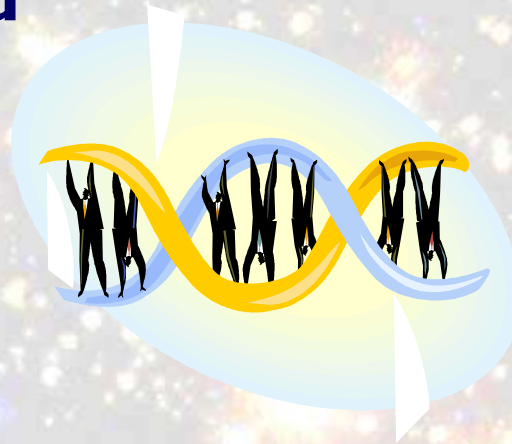
We must not confuse the physical representation of information with the information itself!



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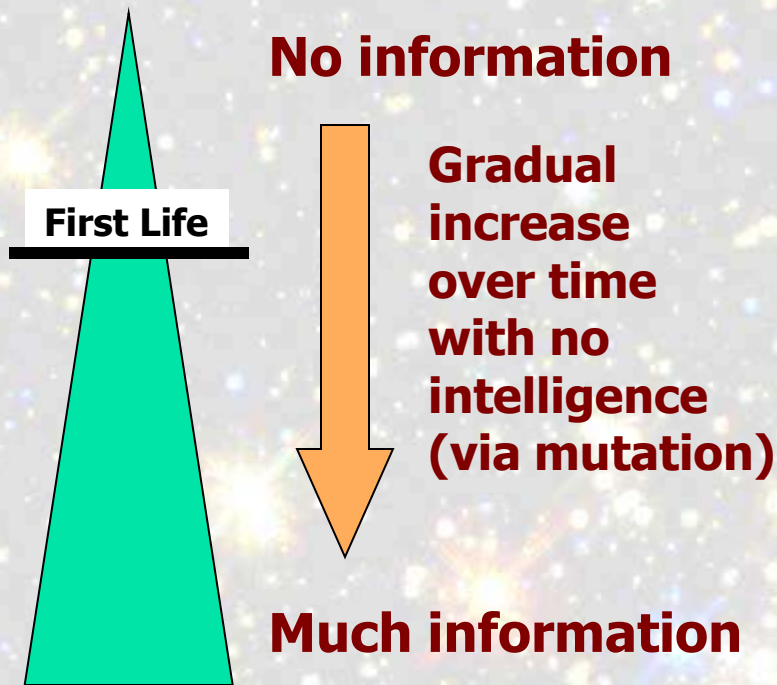
The DNA is NOT the Information

- ▶ **The DNA of life houses information BUT IS NOT THE INFORMATION ITSELF!**
- ▶ **Modifying the physical housing (mutating the DNA) can never create new information!**
- ▶ **The information of life originated from the mind of God**



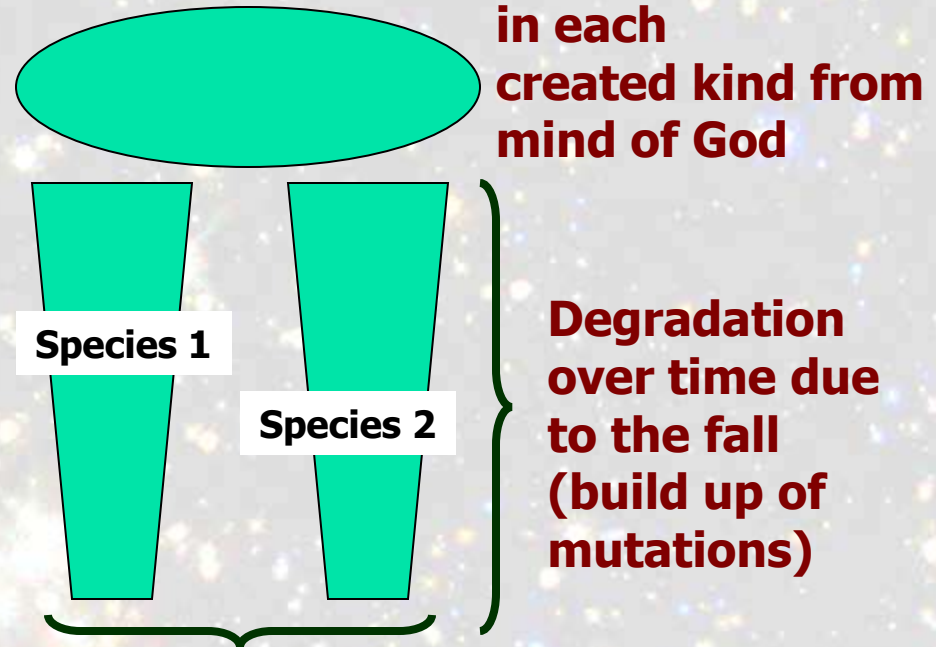
Evolutionary vs. Creation Views of Information

Evolutionary View



Note: mutation / natural selection only operates after the first replicating life form exists

Creation View



Kind diversifies into species due to environmental differences expressing different subsets of existing information

Can New Information Originate Through Mutations?

- ▲ **Gitt: “This idea is central in representations of evolution, but mutations can only cause changes in existing information. There can be no increase in information , and in general the results are injurious. New blueprints for new functions or new organs cannot arise; mutations cannot be the source of new (creative) information.”**

Conclusions About Information

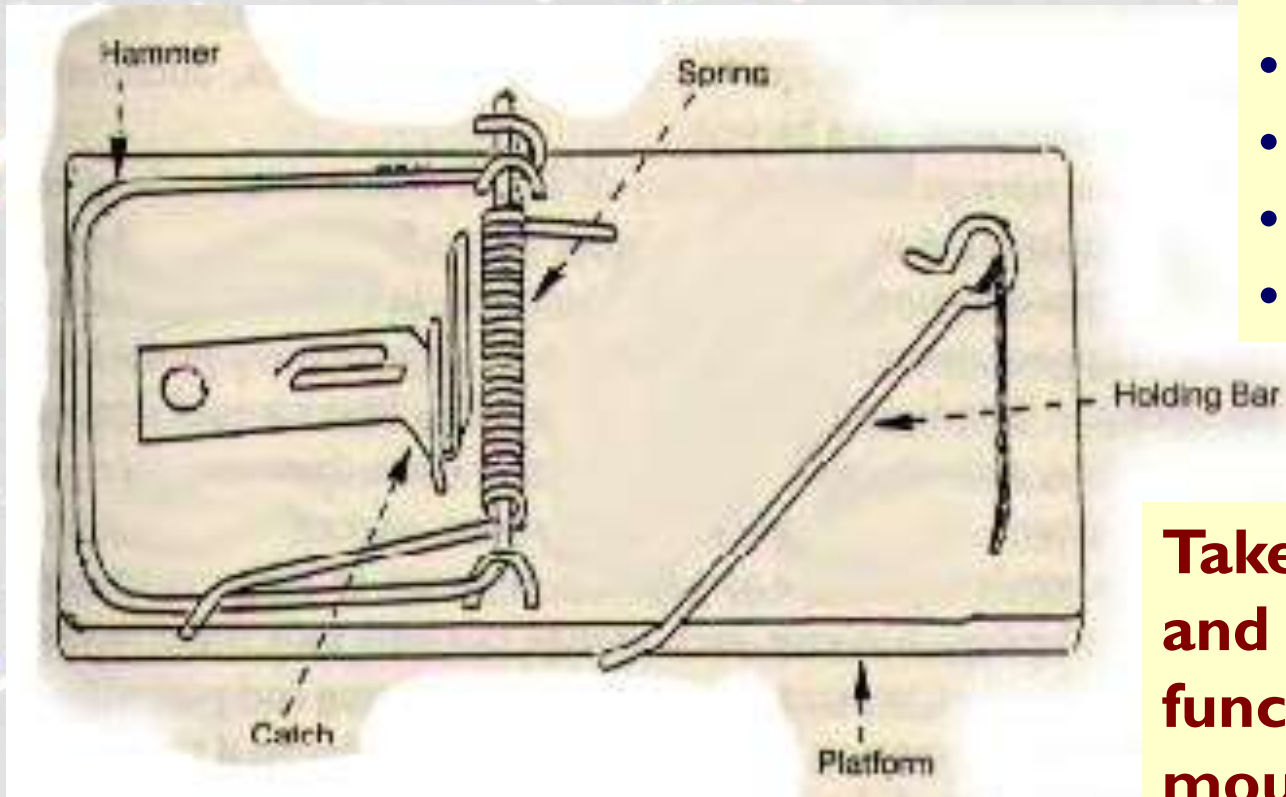
- ▶ **Information is not a physical property**
- ▶ **Information is always the result of an intelligence**
- ▶ **The information in the DNA of living organisms came from the mind of God**

- ▶ **The “information problem” is seldom discussed, but shows that evolution is impossible**

Irreducible Complexity: *Take away one part and it doesn't work*

A mousetrap has:

- **Platform / Base**
- **Spring**
- **Hammer**
- **Catch**
- **Holding Bar**



**Take one part away
and it will no longer
function as a
mousetrap!**

The problem with evolution is:

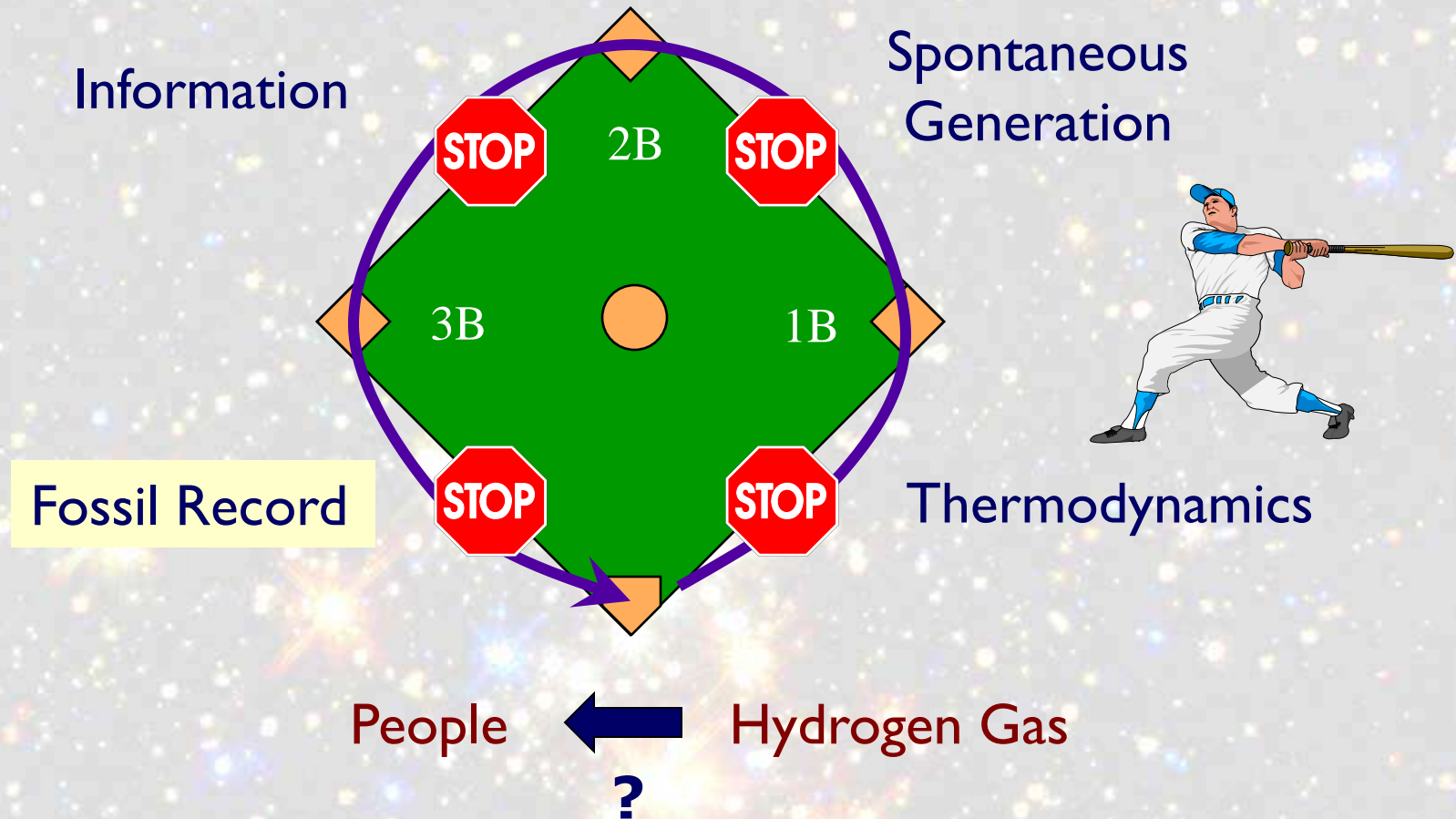


**Nothing Works
Until
Everything Works!**



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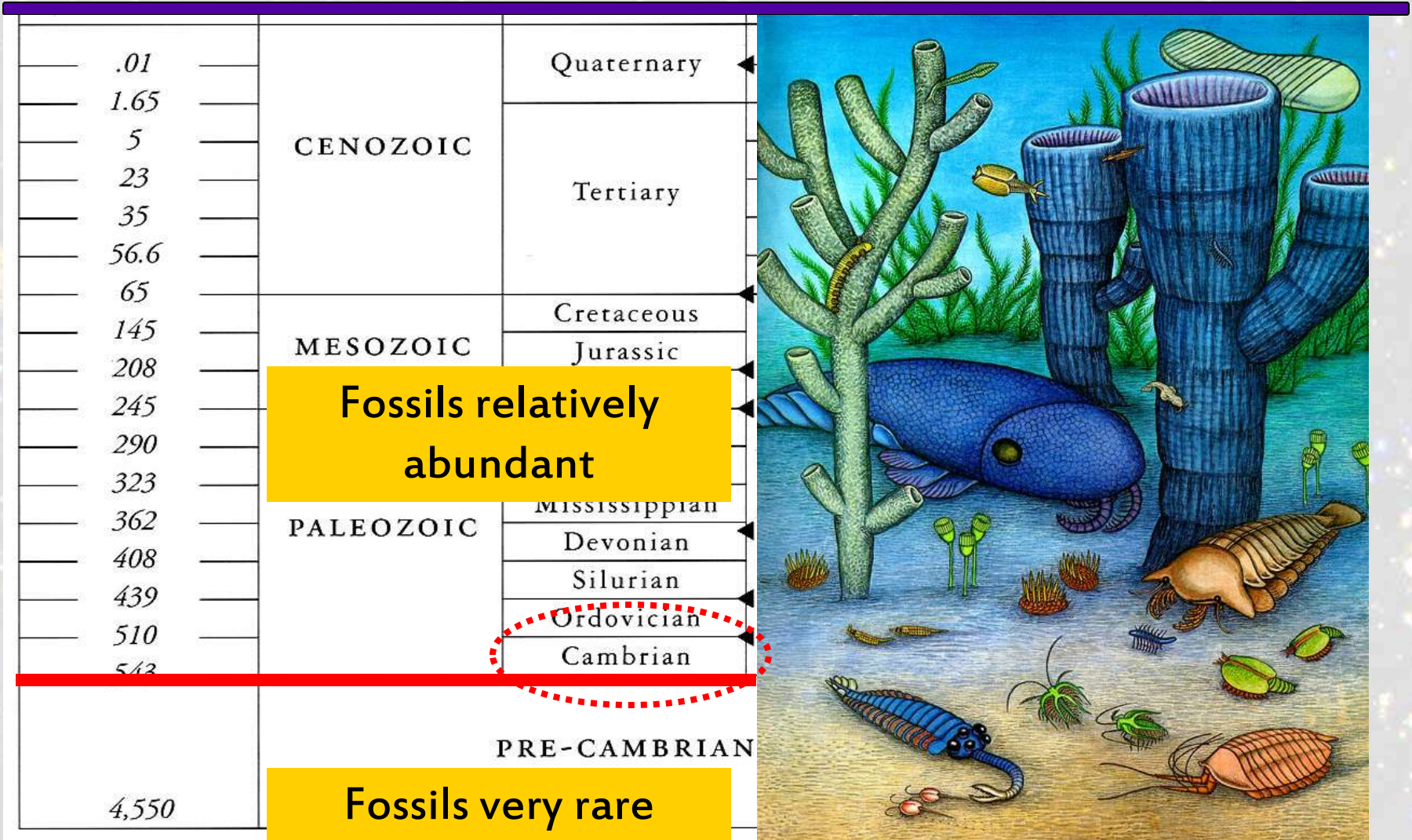
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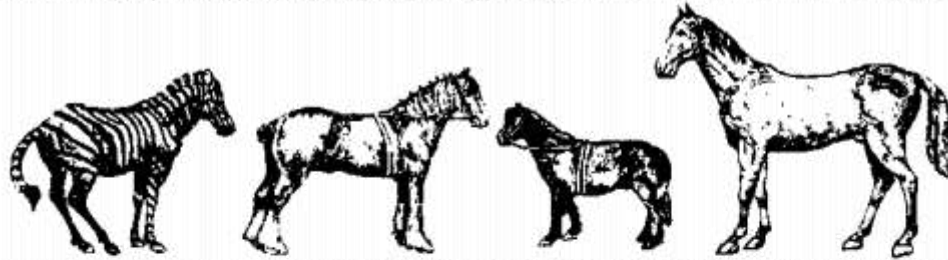
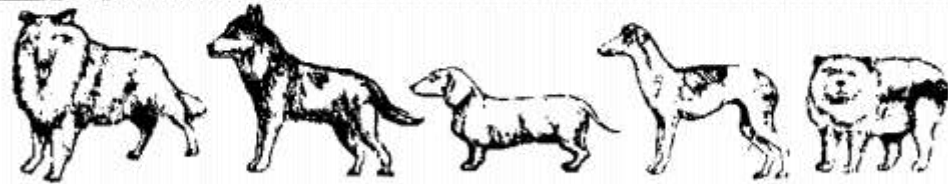
The Fossil Record

- ▶ **The fossil record shows that evolution has not taken place:**
 - ▶ **“Abrupt appearance” is always seen – the oldest fossils are already fully formed**
 - ▶ **Many complex creatures are found in so-called “Cambrian” rocks (near the oldest), without a trace of any ancestors**

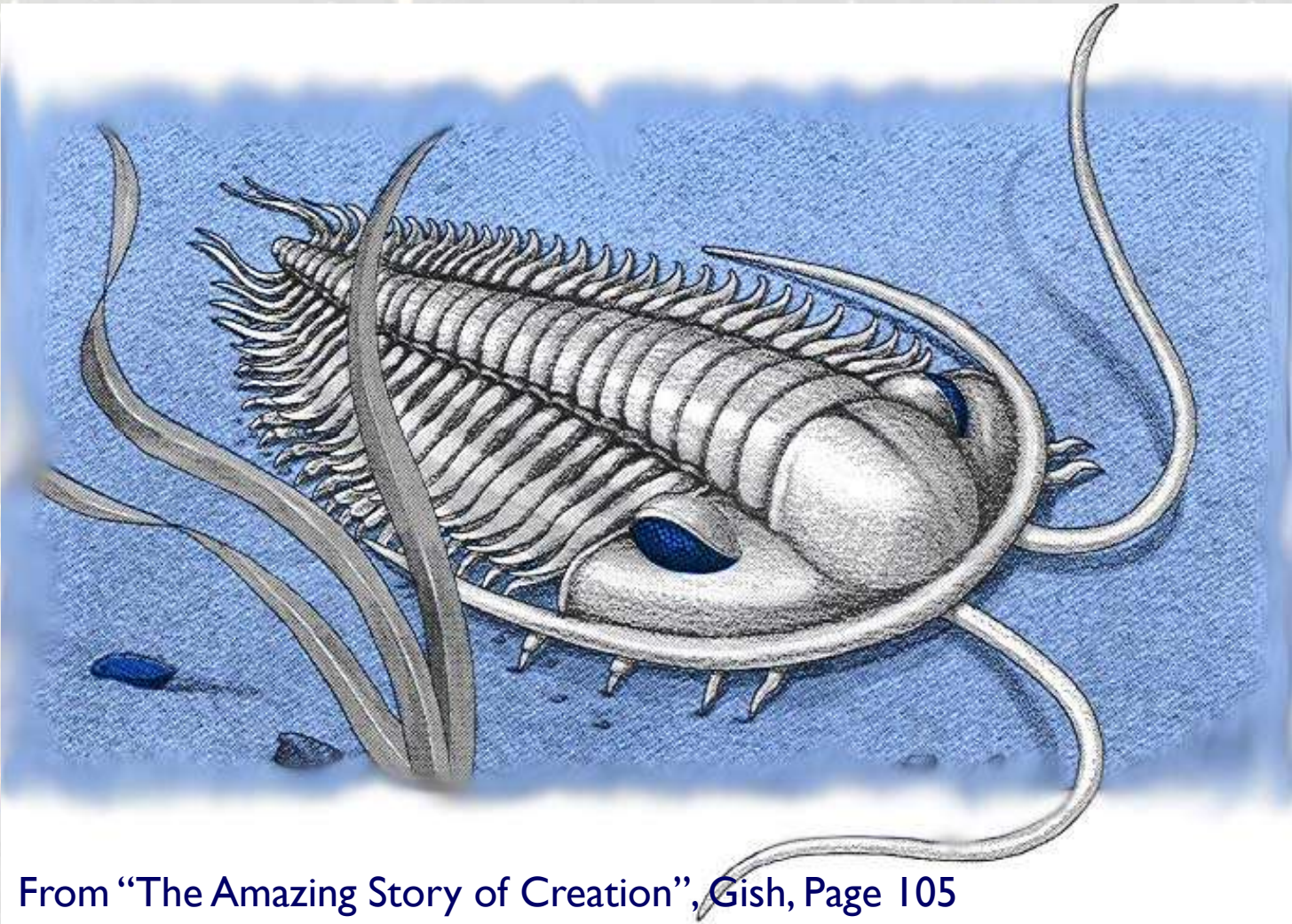
The Cambrian Explosion



Abrupt Appearance: Stasis

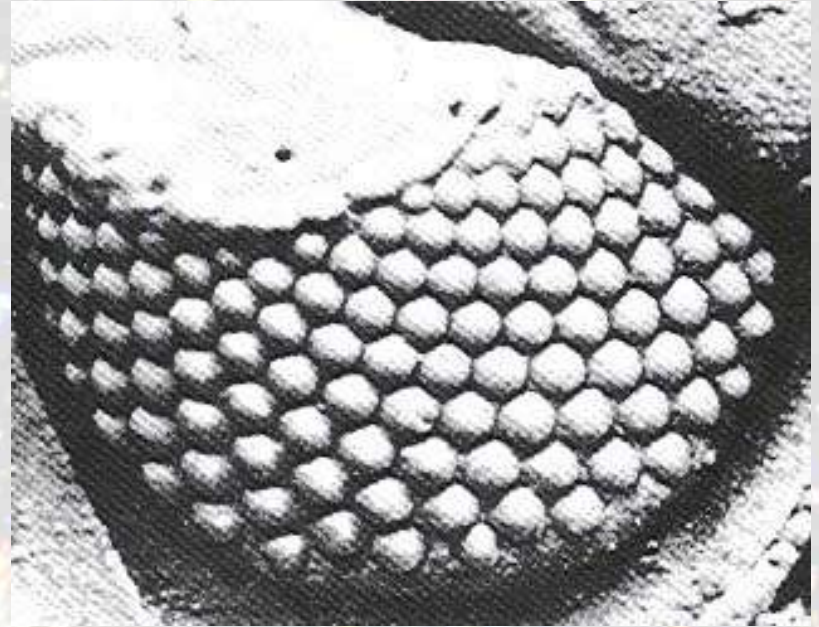
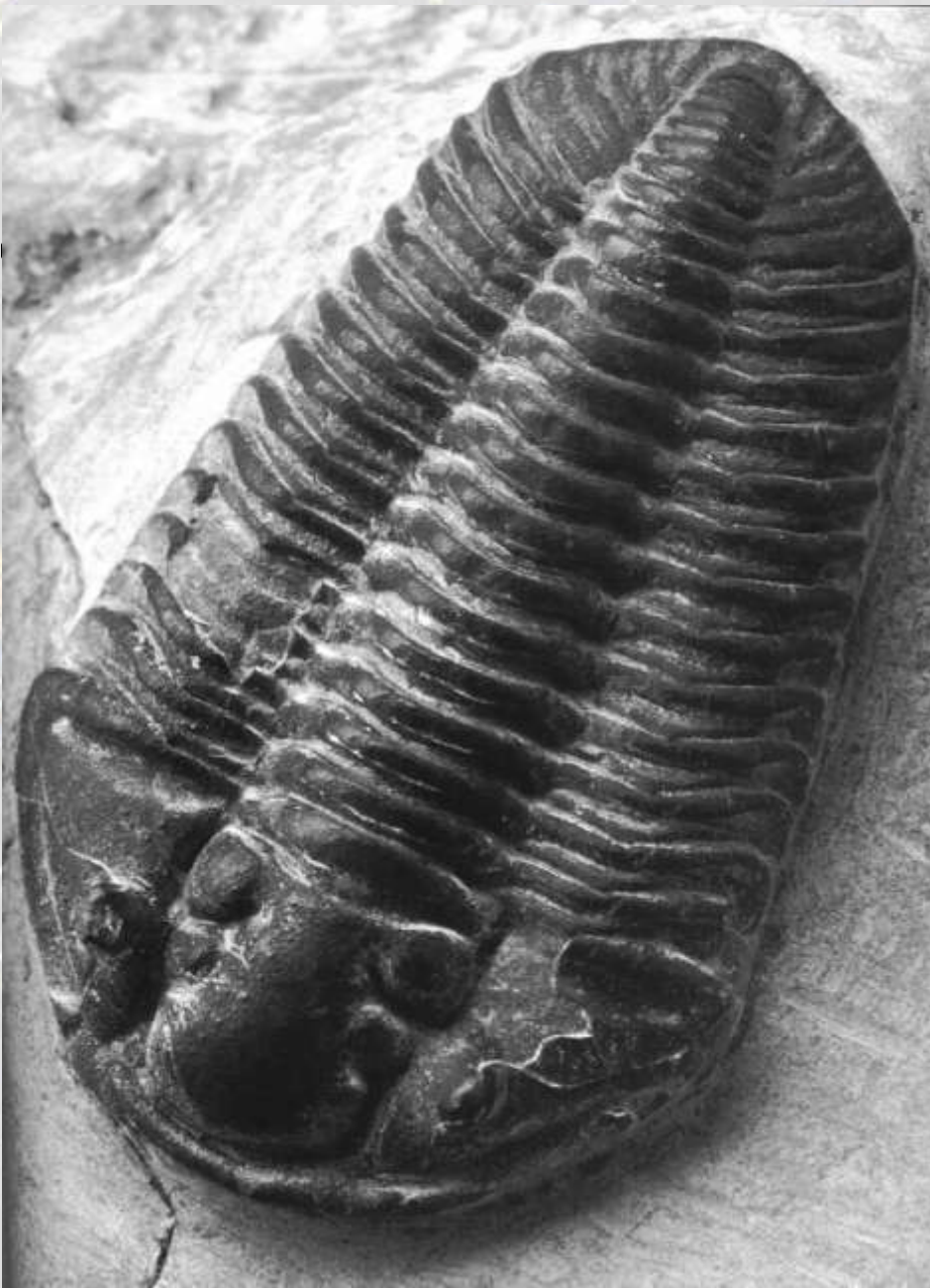


Trilobite Swimming on Bottom of Shallow Sea



From “The Amazing Story of Creation”, Gish, Page 105

Trilobite Fossil



Amazing eyes made of
inorganic calcite

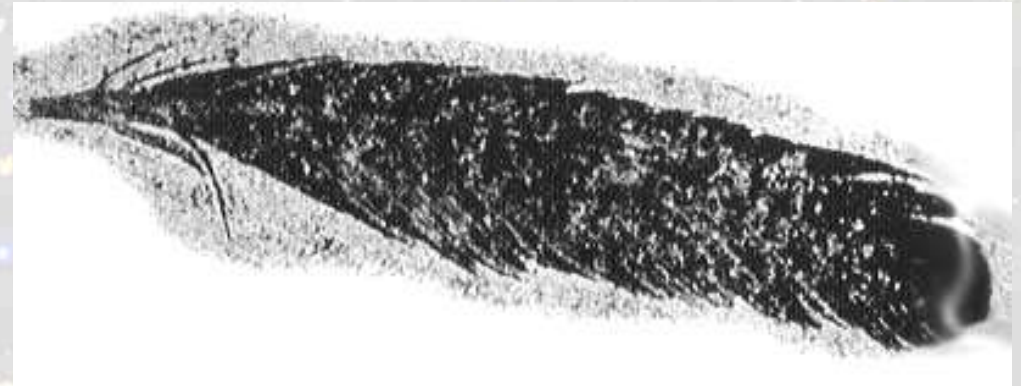
Archaeopteryx *Fossil*

A bird with teeth that evolutionists claim is an intermediate between reptiles and birds



From “Fossils”, Niles Eldredge,
Page 177

Archaeopteryx Fossil Feather



A true transitional form between reptiles and birds would have “scale-feathers”, half way between scales and feathers – no such fossil has ever been found!

From “Of Pandas and People”,
Davis and Kenyon, Page 105

Game Summary

- ▶ You need a field (the universe) to even play the game
 - ▶ Something from nothing is impossible
- ▶ Can't get to 1B - Thermodynamics
 - ▶ The universe is running down
 - ▶ Things naturally tend to mix – not separate and organize themselves
- ▶ Can't get to 2B - Spontaneous generation
 - ▶ Life comes only from life
 - ▶ First life came from God's life
- ▶ Can't get to 3B - Information
 - ▶ Complex things need a blueprint
- ▶ Can't get home - Fossil record
 - ▶ Life appears at once in the Cambrian (oldest) rocks

Additional Problems for Evolution

- ▶ **The origin of the universe**
- ▶ **The fine-tuning of the universe and its physical constants**
- ▶ **The fine-tuning of planet Earth for life**
- ▶ **Sexual reproduction**
- ▶ **Human consciousness**
- ▶ **Human language**

Best Evidence For Evolution?

According to Steven Gould at Harvard...

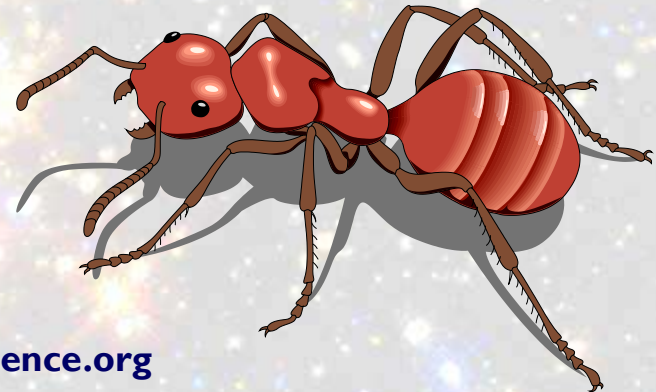
- ① We see “micro-evolution” and natural selection**
 - ▶ **But creationist says: limited adaptive ability is a design feature**
- ② The fossil record (e.g. Archaeopteryx, whale series)**
 - ▶ **But fossil record shows abrupt appearance**
 - ▶ **Lack of ancestors for Cambrian invertebrates**
 - ▶ **Countless intermediates should be in museums but are not**
- ③ Imperfections in nature (e.g. the Panda’s thumb)**
 - ▶ **The Panda is doing fine, thank you!**

A Feat of Engineering

- ▶ **Design a robot:**
 - ▶ **Less than 1/4 inch tall**
 - ▶ **Can carry heavy loads**
 - ▶ **Can dig large holes**
 - ▶ **Can cross any terrain**
 - ▶ **Can find its own energy sources**
 - ▶ **Can make other robots like itself**
- ▶ **Do this and you would be famous - people would marvel at your skills!**

Engineering Performed

- ▶ This work has been done
- ▶ The robot is called an “ant”
- ▶ We squash them because they are trivial and unimportant compared to man
- ▶ Complex things require a **designer**, **intelligence**, and a **plan!**
- ▶ Evolution has **NO designer**, **NO intelligence**, **NO plan!**



The Appeal of Evolution?

- ▶ **Evolution provides a way for people to justify to themselves that there is no God, so they can live and do as they want!**

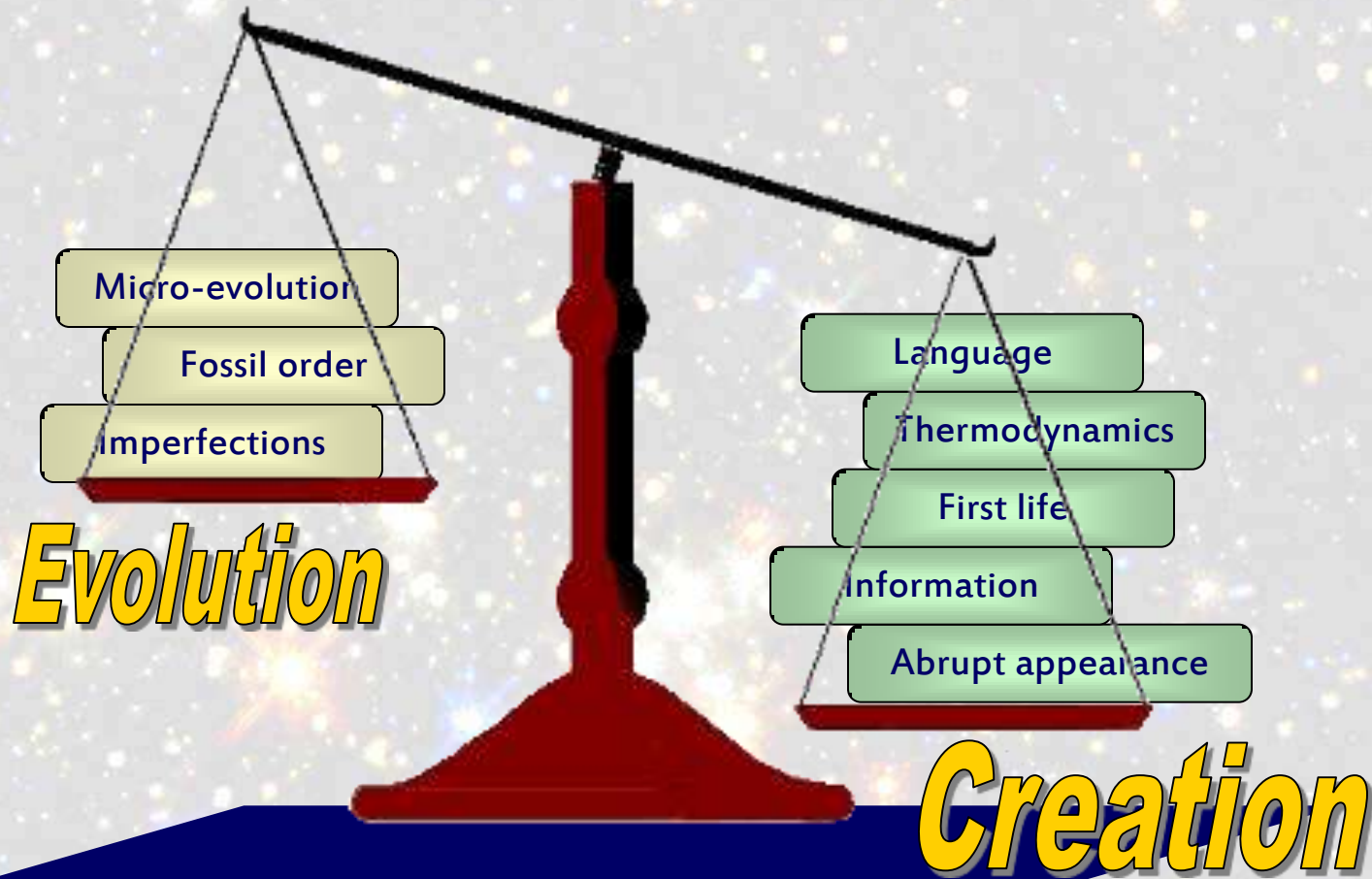
- ▶ **Evolutionists say:**
 - ▶ **Evolution = science = truth**
 - ▶ **Creation = religion = myth**
- ▶ **But it takes much more “faith” to believe that energy/matter has transformed itself into people, on it’s own, than it does to believe that there is a creator God!**
- ▶ **In actuality:**
 - ▶ **Evolution != science = myth**
 - ▶ **Creation = religion + science = truth**

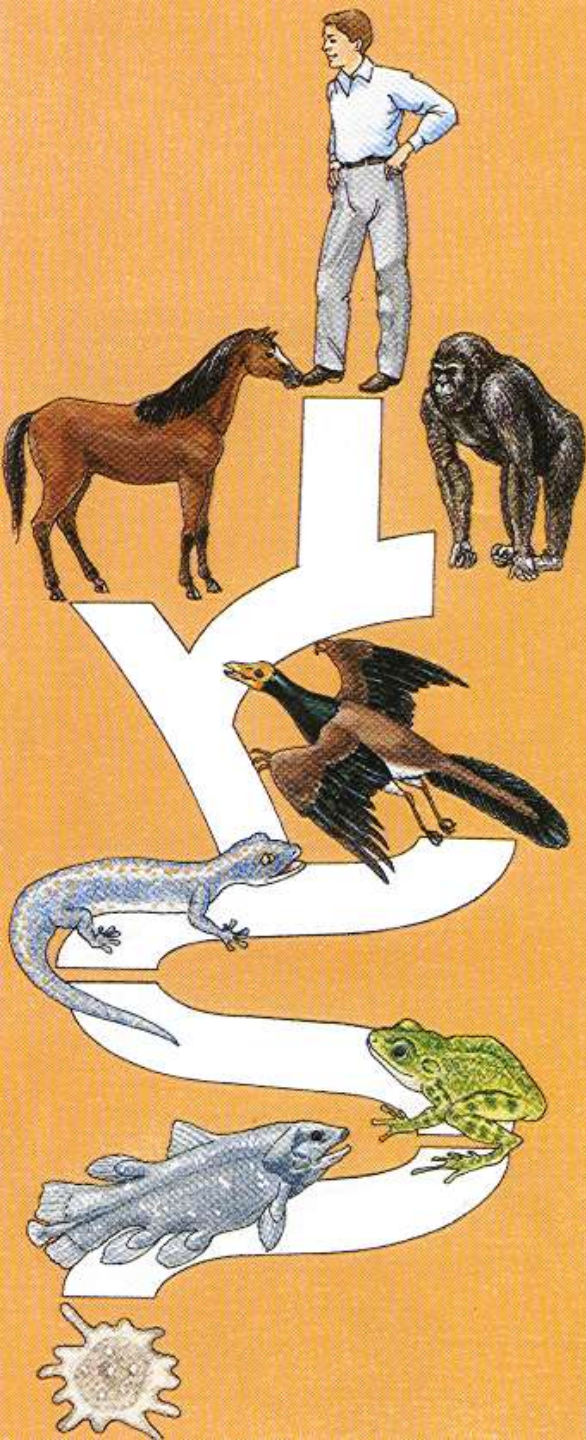
The Creation Shows There Must be a God!

▲ **Romans 1:20**

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

The Evidence is Overwhelming!





Evolution says I came from an ape!
**But the Bible says I am formed in
the image of God!**