

CREATION VS EVOLUTION

Creation Message Series Week 2

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Basic Beliefs re: Evolution

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The battle is not about facts but the interpretation of those facts. Interpretation is based on one's worldview.

Fossils

- All fossils show death.
- Romans 5:12: the origin of death in the world due to sin

Archaeopteryx

- Bird with "reptile" features- teeth, claws on wings
- Teeth not a characteristic of any animal group
- Other birds have claws on wings
- Feathers a problem for evolution
- Flight a problem for evolution

Horse Series

- Often cited argument for evolution
- Fossils not found in "developmental order"
- National Geographic reported one-toed and three-toed fossils in same strata
- Yet presented as simple development in textbooks and museums

In reality, horses have great variety in size and structure.

God created living things according to their kind.

- Genesis 1:25
- There is tremendous variety within kinds, but one kind never changes into another.
- Example: Darwin's finches

Homologous Structures (Homology)

- Similar structures are found within creatures
- Interpretations: Common Ancestor, Common Designer
- (Follow different development at pathways; coded for by different genes)

Vestigial Structures (Vestiges)

- Interpretations: Evolutionary leftover
- Function is still unknown

Things Do Change

- Change by genetic variation and mutation

Evolution Predictions: Beneficial mutations will result in stronger, more efficient organisms.

- Requires an increase in information
- Fact: Mutations do not result in new information.

Creation Predictions

- Mutations result in: reduced fertility, reduced efficiency, and death.
- Generally a decrease of information

Evolution View of Life: One big tree

Creation View of Life: An orchard of many kinds of creatures

Romans 1:20

Conclusion: You have a choice to make.