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"It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man" Psalm 118:8

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The Great Proofs of Evolution

"The Fossil Record" Part III

By Tom Willis

There Is No Time Within or Between Geologic Strata

In Part I (Volume 20 #3, May-June/2003) we outlined **some** of the evidence that the "Geologic Column" and "Fossil Record" cannot represent long ages of deposition. Preservation of good likenesses of living things requires rapid fossilization. Therefore, fossils represent **absence of time within the strata!** Also, there are many very large "polystrate fossils," and all fossils over a thousandth of an inch thick, in the evolutionist dogma, are "polystrate fossils" (they protrude through many strata and often through many stratigraphic units representing millions of years of evolvo-time). Roughly, I'm using the word "unit" to mean a layer of rock with mostly the same color and material, e.g. sandstone. Therefore, we know that there is **no time between the strata!** Further, in countless cases there is a complete absence of other evidence that might **suggest** the possibility of elapsed time (soil horizon, root fossils, erosion, etc.). Thus the entire "column," with a few exceptions, is powerful testimony to the **absence of time both within and between the strata!** The exceptions are more suggestions of the possibility of time rather than true evidence that there was a time lapse. Thus, the "Geologic Column" and "Fossil Record" could not possibly be a "record of the evolution of life on earth" because they testify to a lack of sufficient time for evolution.

"But, Evolutionists Present Evidence of Time"

In Part II (Volume 20 #4, July-Aug/2003) we discussed some phenomena presented by old-earthers, using "Uniformitarian Geology," that they claim required much time. We considered the repeated habit of uniformitarians of "analyzing" a phenomenon, like the human body, Grand Canyon, or Niagara Gorge. They love to find a process(es) going on, like mutations or river erosion. They assert the process(es) as the cause of the phenomenon, measure the process rate, then calculate the "scientific age" of the phenomenon. We illustrated two classic errors:

1. **Wrong Cause.** Mutations did not cause humans, humans caused the curse, which caused mutations. The Colorado River did not cause the Grand Canyon. The Canyon is through a mountain which once formed a natural dam. Earthquakes and volcanos damaged the dam allowing waters of a 2000-foot-deep lake to carve Grand Canyon, thus "causing" the Colorado River!

2. **Wrongly Measured or Assumed Process Rate.** In the case of Niagara Gorge, Lyell simply announced a false erosion rate. We did not mention this, but there is much evidence that this is a perpetual habit in evolvo-science. Wrong mitochondrial mutation rates led to an estimate for the date of "Mitochondrial Eve" of over 100,000 years ago. Newer mutation studies led to a date for "Eve" of only 6000 years ago! How time flies!

We briefly mentioned falsely assumed "process rates" of coccoliths and foraminifera, and wrongly assumed causes of "mud cracks." We did not cover all of the wrongly claimed "proofs" of geologic time, but dozens are no longer believed by informed evolutionists, including all those mentioned above.



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Fossils Do Not, and Can Not, Teach Evolution

In Part III we will remind the reader of obvious facts about fossils that everyone should know, but millions overlook. Consider a fossil bone that you or I might find. What do you really know about that fossil? Did it ever occur to you that you do not really know if it had any offspring at all, much less whether it evolved into a different sort of animal. From observational science we **do know** that, if it had offspring, they looked very much like the parent. We also know that, if any mutations were involved, the offspring either died or their offspring tended to revert to the parent population. If the mutation remained in the population, we know it was likely recessive (not expressed in the offspring), and that it always resulted in a reduction of available information in the genome.

Please read carefully the following quote from Colin Patterson, Senior Vertebrate Paleontologist at the British Museum of Natural History, and editor of their journal. His letter was directed to Luther Sunderland who had commented on Patterson's new book:

"Yet Gould and the American Museum people are hard to contradict when they say that there are no transitional fossils. As a paleontologist myself, I am much occupied with the philosophical problem of identifying ancestral forms in the fossil record. You say I should at least 'show a photo of the fossil from which each type organism was derived' I will lay it on the line - there is not one such fossil for which one could make a watertight argument. The reason is that statements about ancestry and descent are not applicable in the fossil

record. Is Archaeopteryx the ancestor of all birds? Perhaps yes, perhaps no: there is no way of answering the question. It is easy enough to make up stories of how one form gave rise to another, and to find reasons why the stages should be favoured by natural selection. But such stories are not part of science, for there is no way of putting them to the test."

Since "there is no way of knowing", lining up Archaeopteryx fossils to the left of bird fossils may provide evidence someone believes evolution, but not evidence for evolution. And, from observational science, we cannot know if there was any new variation in the offspring of a fossil animal. We only know we have the bones of a dead animal. We know nothing about its ancestors, and we don't even know if it had any offspring. Telling "what might have happened" stories is not science!

Patterson also affirmed here the strong case made by Gould and Eldredge (which they later feebly attempted to deny) for the absence of transitional fossils (fossils intermediate between one type of animal and another).

In one of my favorite quotes, another famous evolutionist affirmed the absence of transitional forms in fossils:

It would be pointless to emphasize once more the incompleteness of the paleontological record... When the record does happen to be good, it commonly shows complete continuity in the rise of such taxonomic categories as species and genera and sometimes, but rarely, in higher groups. [TW: It is vital to note that almost all Creationists believe species and genera, and sometimes families and higher, are baramins, i.e., created kinds. Therefore, we expect to find continuous series among them, representing descent without evolution!!! But, watch what he says about real evolution below.]

*"On still higher levels, those of what is here called "mega-evolution", the inferences might still apply, but caution is enjoined, because here essentially **continuous transitional sequences are not merely rare, but are virtually absent*** [TW: My emphasis]... *their absence is so nearly universal that it cannot, offhand, be imputed entirely to chance and does require some attempt at special explanation, as has been felt by most paleontologists... nowhere in the world has any recognizable trace been found of an animal that would close the considerable structural gap between Hyracotherium [TW: eohippus, the dawn horse] and the most likely ancestral order, the Condylarthra.* [TW: We don't know where horses came from.]

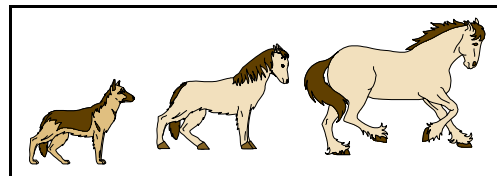
This is true of all the thirty-two orders of mammals... The earliest and most primitive known members of every order already have the basic ordinal characters, and in no case is an approximately continuous sequence from one order to another known... [TW: We don't know where any of the thirty-two orders of mammals came from.]

This regular absence of transitional forms is not confined to mammals, but is an almost universal phenomenon, as has long been noted by paleontologists. It is true of almost all orders of all classes of animals, both vertebrate and invertebrate. [TW: We don't know where any order of any animal group came from.] *A fortiori, it is also true of the classes, themselves, and of the major animal phyla* [TW: We don't know where the classes, or the phyla came from], *and it is apparently also true of the analogous categories of plants.* [TW: Simpson isn't sure, but suspects we don't know where plants came from]. *George Gaylord Simpson, Tempo and Mode in Evolution, 1944.*

If you want to understand evolvo-science, study this quote. Get the book, read the chapter! The essence of the chapter is that we

have good fossil evidence of "transitions" within the created kinds (which are nearly all now known to interbreed and produce fertile offspring), but **between** the created kinds, we have no transitions and lots of inference! Please note that it is **between the created kinds that evolutionists need evidence!** The created kinds are expected to interbreed and produce a continuum of variety in the range their genes (or other, yet undiscovered, hereditary factors) allow. For example, dogs "evolve" all over the place every time you let one of them out of the house at the wrong time of the year. If you dug up a million dog, wolf, fox and coyote fossils you would find lots of "transitions," but no evolution. They are all dogs!

Lining up fossil dogs to the left of fossil horses provides no transition between



dogs and horses. It may provide evidence the person who creates the lineup **believes** evolution, but no evidence **for** evolution. Replacing the fossils with "scientific reconstructions" of dogs and horses may provide evidence for the irrationality or dishonesty of the builder of the lineup, but again, provides no evidence **for** evolution.

Remember, Simpson wasn't sure about plant fossils. Well, E.J.H. Corner was more sure: "... but I still think that, to the unprejudiced, the fossil record of plants is in favour of special creation... can you imagine how an orchid, a duckweed, and a palm have come from the same ancestry, and have we any evidence for this assumption? The evolutionist must be prepared with an answer, but I think that most would break down before an inquisition." E.J.H. Corner, Contemporary Botanical Thought, 1961, pg 97. While 60 years old, these statements were affirmed in essence by Darwin and stand today as excellent summaries of "The Fossil Record."

Conclusion

1. The "fossil record" contains no time.
 - a. Fossils had to form quickly. The stratigraphic units represent nearly instantaneous deposition and lithification.
 - b. Polystrate fossils, lack of erosion and soil horizon, and much other evidence demonstrates beyond a reasonable doubt that there is no time between the units either.
2. Purported "evidences" for time, like Grand Canyon, Niagara Gorge and Coccolith growth rates, are illusory.
3. The fossils themselves do not, and can not offer support for evolution.
 - a. Claims about their offspring and ancestors are pure speculation.
 - b. Transitions, where evolutionists need them, are entirely lacking, and breeding experiments fail miserably.
 - c. Where "transitions" are expected by Biblical Creation, they are found in numerous quantities and confirmed by breeding experiments.

The "Geologic Column" and "Fossil Record", to the extent they teach anything, teach no elapsed time and no evolution! Where "transitions" are found they are typically exactly where Biblical Creation would expect them. The "Geologic Column" and "Fossil Record" are evidence for Biblical Creation, not evolution! If God is so consistently right about origins, and evolutionists so consistently wrong, who would you expect to be right about meaning, purpose, and destiny? I've made my decision and I'm doing my best to act on it! How about you?

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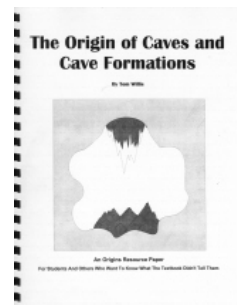
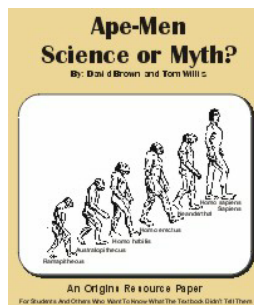
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Richard Goldschmidt, Ph.D., M.D., D.Sc.
The Material Basis of Evolution, 1960, pg 395
[referring to Schindewolf, 1936]

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