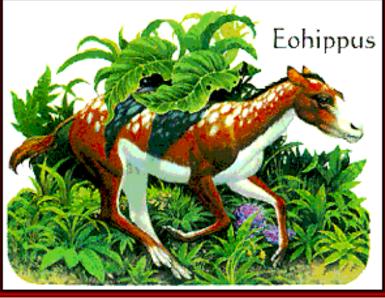
CLYDE, MEET EOHIPPUS!





"Horses are among the best documented examples of evolutionary development."

WB Encyclopedia

"The evolution of the horse was never in a straight line. The fossil evidence does not show a gradual development from a small animal to a large horse." *E Britannica*







"Once portrayed as simple and direct, it is now so complicated that accepting one version rather than another is more a matter of faith than rational choice. *Eohippus*, supposedly the earliest horse, and said by experts to be long extinct and known to us only through fossils, may in fact be alive and well and not a horse at all but a shy fox size animal called a *daman* that darts about in the African bush."

Francis Hitching, The Neck of the Giraffe

"It was widely assumed that *Eohippus* had slowly but persistently turned into a more fully equine animal. But the fossil species of *Eohippus* show little evidence of evolutionary modification and fails to document the full history of the horse family."

The New Evolutionary Timetable



Definition of EVOLUTION

- A. Emergence of life
- B. **Development** of life

*(having no prior reason, cause, purpose, design or Maker)

DILEMMA #1 The <u>record</u> of evolution *(missing in all the important places)*

*The record lacks **transitional forms.**

FISH > AMPHIBIAN > REPTILE >

BIRD > MAMMAL > MAN

FISH > AMPHIBIANS

"It is tempting to think that FISH may surely have a direct connection with the AMPHIBIANS which led to the landliving VERTEBRATES. But they do not. The are a separate group entirely." F.D. Ommanney, <u>The Fishes</u> "Both the lungfish and the coelacanth are disqualified as ancestors [of the amphibians] because the bones of their skulls are so different from those of the first fossil amphibians that the one cannot be derived from the other." David Attenborough, <u>Life On Earth</u>

AMPHIBIBAN > REPTILE

"One of the most frustrating features of the fossil record of vertebrate history is that it shows so little about the evolution of reptiles during their earliest days, when the shelled egg was developing."

Archie Carr, *The Reptiles*

REPTILE > BIRD

"It takes no great stretch of imagination to envisage a feather as a modified scale, basically that of a reptile, a longish scale loosely attached, whose outer edges frayed and spread out until it evolved into the highly complex structure that it is today."

Roger Torey Peterson, <u>The Birds</u>

REPTILE > MAMMAL

"These milk glands may simply be modified sweat glands from the reptile stage." Theo Dobzhansky,

Evolution, Genetics, and Man

*The record lacks evidence of <u>simple</u> into <u>complex</u>.

"The number of *intermediate* varieties, which have formerly existed, must be truly enormous."

Darwin, The Origin of Species

"If numerous species have really started into life at once, that fact would be fatal to the theory of evolution." Darwin, <u>The Origin of Species</u>

"The abrupt manner in which whole groups of species suddenly appear in certain formations has been urged by some paleontologists as a fatal objection to the transmutation of species. But another difficulty is much more serious. I allude to the manner in which species belonging to several of the main divisions of the animal kingdom suddenly appear in the lowest known fossiliferous rocks. The case at present must remain inexplicable and may be urged as a valid argument against the views entertained here."

Darwin, The Origin of Species

"With a hundred million fossils, all cataloged and identified, in museums around the world...it is not even possible to make a caricature of evolution out of palaeobiological facts. The lack of transitional series cannot be explained as due to the scarcity of material. The deficiencies are real and will never be filled.

Heribert Nilsson, Synthetic Origins of the Species

"Species appear in the sequence very suddenly, show little or no change during their existence in the record, then abruptly go out of the record. And it is rarely clear that the descendants were better adapted than their predecessors. In other words, biological improvement is hard to find." Bulletin of Chicago Field Museum of Natural History

"...lineages of organisms showing gradual change over long periods of time. Unfortunately, the fossil record does not meet this expectation...known fossil species do indeed appear *not* to evolve, even over millions of years."

<u>New Scientist, February 1982</u>

"No transitional forms are known between any of the major phyla or animals or plants. There are large gaps which exist between many major categories of organisms." Stebbins, *Processes of Organic Evolution* "For all its acceptance in the scientific world as the great unifying principle of biology, Darwinism, after a century and a half, is in a surprising amount to trouble." Francis Hitching, *The Neck of the Giraffe*

DILEMMA #2 The <u>assumption</u> of evolution (spontaneous generation / accidental synthesis)

"Natural selection" means that nature selected the fittest living things to survive. These organisms then acquired new features which worked to their advantage so well that they slowly became *different* creatures. Even if it is true that the fittest of the original organisms have survived, this does not explained how they **arrived**!

"Originally the earth's atmosphere was carbon dioxide, methane, ammonia and water. Through energy supplied by sunlight, lightning, and (possibly) exploding volcanoes, these simple compounds were broken apart and then reformed into amino acids. A variety of these gradually accumulated in the sea and combined into protein like compounds, an organic soup.

Eventually, a particularly remarkable molecule was formed by accident, a molecule that had the ability to reproduce itself. Similar molecules clustered together and wrapped the protective barrier of other molecules around themselves as a membrane. It was the first living cell." Richard Dawkins, The Selfish Gene "The synthesis of compounds of biological interest could take place only under reducing [no free oxygen] conditions in the atmosphere." Stanley Miller, *The Origins of Life on Earth* "Herein lies the dilemma. With oxygen in the air, the first amino acid could never have got started. Without oxygen, it would have been quickly wiped out by ultraviolet radiation!"

Francis Hitching, *The Neck of the Giraffe*

ACID > PROTEIN > MEMBRANE >

CELL > REPRODUCTION

"The genetic code is a requirement for cell reproduction. Proteins depend upon DNA for their formation. Yet DNA cannot form without existing protein. Which came first? The answer must be that they developed in parallel. Without the genetic code to begin reproduction, there can be no material for 'natural selection' to select." Richard Dickerson, Chemical Evolution and the Origin of Life

"Consider the eye. It is far more complex than the most intricate man made device. All the parts must be in place and working together or sight does not happen. This is a conundrum for the evolutionary model of development. The entire eye would have been useless until all the individual parts were completed!"

LIFE - How Did It Get Here?

"To suppose that the eye could have been formed by this manner, seems, I freely confess, absurd in the highest degree." Darwin, <u>The Origin of Species</u>

Under what strange moon could one non-intelligent cell decide that it needed to *consume* oxygen yet somehow reproduce a cell which would *produce* oxygen...the foremost biologic difference between animal and plant? The emergence of photosynthesis defies all evolutionary possibility.

THE BIBLE DESCRIBES:

1. A period of <u>CREATION</u> marked by harmony between man, animal, plant, and environment when man gave oversight and it was "very good" (*Gen. 1-2*) 2. A period of **BREAKDOWN** marked by competition and corruption (Gen 3:1 - 6:13)

3. A period of **SHAKEDOWN** marked by death and decay **and** redemption and covenant *(Gen 6:14 - 9:17)* 4. A period of <u>TAKEDOWN</u> marked by renewal of planet, resurrection of all people, eternal reward or punishment, and everlasting harmony on earth where God now dwells

WHY AM I HERE? Stack this slide

ACHIEVE To accomplish good things which benefit self and others (ability = accountability)

BELIEVE To seek, trust, and love God who has made his existence known (intelligence = expectation) (Acts 17: 22-31)

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