

# EVOLUTION OR CREATION?

**Are you a descendant of an ape-like creature that lived millions of years ago? Did your forbears swing through the trees on some remote island a few million years ago? Can you trace your "root" back to some primordial slime that evolved, by chance and environmental pressure, into the human being you are today?**

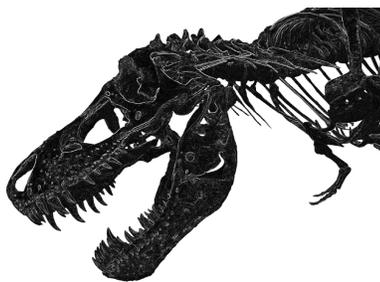
We see television specials and read textbooks on the "history of man" in which we see mankind move from (lie swamp on all fours, straighten up, shed his tail, grow hair, and learn to move and think. We see this alleged scenario almost daily through such magazines as National Geographic, Time, U.S. News and World Reports, and others.

Is this really what happened? Are you the end-product of billions of years of evolutionary change? Are you the result of spontaneous generation that took place a long time ago—only to find its culmination in Homo sapiens of today?

Or, did God specially create you "in His image?" Did He, as the Bible indicates, create mankind "male and female" (Matthew 19:4)? Are we, as the psalmist wrote, "fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14)?

What does the evidence say? It is not enough for someone to offer a mere opinion. What we need here is evidence adequate to the situation. Is there any? Indeed there is!

The fundamental law of biology is the Law of Biogenesis. This law (and there are no known exceptions to it in nature) states that all life comes from preceding life of its kind. As Dr. McNair Williams said some years ago in an Oxford University medical publication: "Modern medicine and surgery are founded on the truth enunciated by Pasteur, that life proceeds only from life, and only from life of the same kind and type." Evolution postulates spontaneous generation—life arising from non-life. Yet all available scientific evidence establishes beyond the shadow of a doubt that spontaneous generation simply does not occur. Experiment after experiment has shown that only life can give rise to life. All the while we are asked to believe that somehow, sometime, somewhere spontaneous generation did occur, and here we are as a result of it.



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Evolution postulates an ever-increasing upward trend in complexity. We are told that nature moves upward, from disorder to order, from the simple to the complex—and that this is how evolution has actually occurred; Yet this is in direct contradiction to one of the most basic, most fundamental laws of science—the Law of Entropy. This law (also known as the Second Law of Thermodynamics) states categorically that all systems move toward higher entropy. That is to say, all systems go from order to disorder, from complex to simple. All things are becoming more and more random, not structured. And eventually, if the Universe lasts long enough, the Earth will die a "heat death" because energy is becoming less available for use as time goes by.

If you would like to take an in-depth look at organic evolution versus creation, we invite you to attend a three-day seminar titled *The Truth About Origins*, being held at **7:00 p.m., April 30 at the Gateway\* Center in Collinsville, Illinois in the Mississippian Convention Room and on May 1 and May 2 at the Collinsville church of Christ.\*** The seminar will deal with such issues as scientific evidences for God's existence, a scientific examination of the theory of evolution, the Bible's inspiration, and many others.

There is no charge whatsoever for the seminar; all sessions are free. No collections of any kind will be made. In addition, there will be free handout materials on the topics covered, as well as question and answer sessions after most lecture periods. Everyone is invited.

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