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100 NATURE: CREATED OR EVOLVED?

Class 101: The Fossil Record vs. Evolution

Lecture Notes

SECTION 1: Creation or Evolution: Does It Really Matter?

Lecture 1: Beware of False Prophets

- Matthew 7:15: False prophets are _____ in _____ clothing.
 - 1 Timothy 4:1: In later times some will follow _____ spirits.
- Presbyterian Church USA (the largest US Presbyterian denomination with 2.5 million members) says:
 - There is no contradiction between _____ theory and the doctrine of God as creator.
 - They deny the _____ of the Bible, and support radical social causes such as abortion and _____ rights.
- Are there limits to change in the animal kingdom?
 - The Bible says that animals reproduce “_____ their _____.”
 - Genesis 1:11, 12, 21, 24, 25
- Accepting evolution in spite of the clear teaching of Genesis enables people to _____ any part of the Bible and say, “that’s not what it really _____.”
 - This leads to the justification of homo-sexuality and other forms of _____.



Lecture 2: Creation vs. Evolution at PLNU

- Video Clip: Creation vs. Evolution at PLNU
- Proverbs 22:6 (ESV): “Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not _____ from it.”

Lecture 3: Bill Nye, Philosophy Guy

- Video Clip: Creationism Isn’t Appropriate for Children?
- Bill Nye says:
 - “Evolution is the _____ idea in all of life science, all of biology”
 - “If you want to deny evolution... that’s fine. But don’t make your kids do it... We need scientifically _____ voters and taxpayers for the future.”
 - “In another couple centuries, that worldview... just won’t _____.”
- The problem for creation isn’t a lack of evidence. It’s that people aren’t aware of it.
 - Dr. Purdom has a Ph. D. in m_____ genetics from Ohio State University
 - Dr. Menton has a Ph.D. in c___ biology from Brown University.

Lecture 4: Science’s Prior Commitment

- Video Clip: Dawkins On God
 - Dawkins calls God the most unpleasant character in all of _____.
- Video Clip: What Killed Dawkins’ Faith?
 - When Dawkins learned of the theory of Darwinian evolution, that finally _____ his remaining religious faith.
- Dawkins left his faith because _____ gave him the excuse.
 - Is it a big deal that half the kids at PLNU think evolution is true?

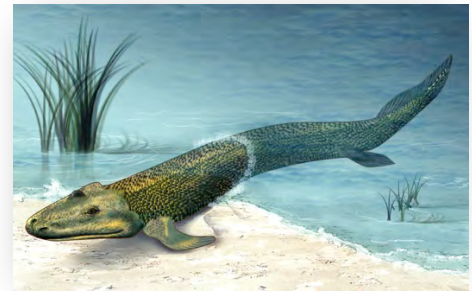
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- Yes. Not enough people are sharing and giving a _____ defense of the fact that Biblical history is true. Can you?
- Luke 10:2: The harvest is _____, but the workers are _____.
- Colin Patterson, senior paleontologist at the British Museum of Natural History, asked: “Can you tell me anything you know about _____, any one thing that is _____?”
 - The audience responded with s_____.
- 2 Timothy 4:3-4: People will turn away from truth and turn aside to _____.
- Richard Lewontin said that he and others side with science even when it doesn’t make sense, because they have a prior commitment to _____.
- They cannot allow a _____ foot in the door.
- This translates to, “Even if science proves God is _____ and that he created everything, I still won’t believe in God.”

SECTION 2: Are There Transitional Species?

Lecture 5: Instant Credibility: Just Add Time

- To prove something scientifically (i.e. by the scientific method), it must be repeatable, measurable, and _____.
- The idea that random mutations plus natural selection can change one family of animal into another is a _____ which currently has no scientific support. It cannot be repeated, observed, or measured.
- Darwin offered a criterion by which his theory could be falsified:
 - “If it could be demonstrated that any organism could not possibly have been formed by numerous, successive, _____ modifications, my theory would absolutely _____.”
- What would normally be considered a ridiculous idea (like a worm becoming a man) can seem credible by expanding the amount of _____.
- One of the more difficult problems that evolutionary theory must overcome in the fossil record is: The lack of _____ forms showing one kind of animal changing into another.
 - One supposed missing link between fish and land animals was called Tiktaalik. However, it was soon realized that Tiktaalik was not a link.



Lecture 6: The Mudskipper

- Video Clip: The Mudskipper

Lecture 7: Transitional Arguments Can’t Hold Water

- Unique animals are not proof of evolution.
 - Nobody has observed a normal fish evolving into a mudskipper, and nobody has observed a mudskipper evolving into a lizard. For this reason, it is not scientific evidence of the process of evolution.
- A similar non-link is the extinct dinosaur-like bird called _____.
 - Though the duck-billed platypus is an interesting animal with unique features, there is no evidence that it has changed from, or is changing to, another kind of animal.

Notes:

- Interpreting animals like these as proof of evolution is an _____ or _____ based on faith in a naturalistic view of the origin of animals.
- Dr. Colin Patterson of the British Museum of Natural History has 7 million fossils in his collection.
 - When asked about examples of fossils that show one _____ of animal changing into another, he answered “there is not _____ such fossil for which one might make a water-tight argument.”

SECTION 3: Human Evolution: A History of Mistakes

Lecture 8: Ramapithecus and Java Man

- Ramapithecus
 - Found in Nepal in 1932 (just a jaw fragment and some teeth).
 - Claimed for _____ years to be a transitional form in the line of humans.
 - Recognized as an extinct orangutan in the 1960s.
- _____ Man (Homo Erectus)
 - Discovered in Java by Eugene Dubois in 1891.
 - Later found to be a gibbon _____ skull plus a _____ leg bone.
 - It took over _____ years for evolutionists to admit it wasn't a missing link.

Lecture 9: Lucy and Darwin's Dissenters

- Lucy's skeleton (or _____% of it) was found by Don Johanson in 1974.
- According to the Chicago Field Museum, “_____ agree” that humans came from an ape ancestor by the evolutionary process.
- On the contrary, “A Scientific _____ From Darwinism” lists hundreds of PhD scientists who doubt the sufficiency of evolution to account for life
- Lucy was called a missing link because they thought her hip and knee joints revealed that she walked upright, but:
 1. Some modern monkeys walk upright, and that proves nothing.
 2. The knee joint was found far away from the rest of the skeleton.

Lecture 10: The Piltdown Hoax and Neanderthals

- Piltdown Man
 - Found in _____ in England.
 - It was recognized as a transitional form, but _____ began to build.
 - Piltdown Man consisted of a human _____ combined with an _____ jaw, which had the teeth filed down (an intentional hoax).
 - Believed to be a missing link for _____ years.
- Neanderthal
 - Bones were first discovered in 1856, and soon afterwards were touted as supporting Darwin's 1859 theory of human _____ from animals.
 - It was later discovered that some Neanderthal men were stooped over because of a bone disease (_____).
 - Now classified as normal _____.



Lecture 11: Human Ancestry In Doubt

- Nebraska Man

Notes:

- A single _____ found in Nebraska by Harold _____, claimed to have belonged to a missing link in the line of humans.
- Rescinded in 1927, when it was admitted to be from an extinct _____.
- Characteristics such as skull size and shape do not support evolution.
- Ida—Lemur fossil found in 2009; rejected as a link in _____.
- Ardi—Discovered in 1992; by _____, evolutionists were already having doubts about it being a missing link.

SECTION 4: Is Evolution Science or Faith?

Lecture 12: Evolution is Anti Science

- The un-scientific postulate evolutionists have come up with in order to compensate for the lack of transitional fossils is: _____.
- This involves one kind of animal suddenly giving birth to another kind.
- Do animals actually change from one kind to another?
 - The Bible says that animals reproduce after their _____.
- Louis Pasteur’s discoveries led to the law of biogenesis, which states:
 1. All life comes from _____ life
 2. Each being reproduces _____ its own kind
- But most atheists believe that all life evolved from a completely different type of animal.

Lecture 13: Millions of Years, Zero Change?

- _____% of experiments show organisms fundamentally changing kinds.
- _____% of experiments show organisms not fundamentally changing kinds.
- An experiment was performed on 50,000 generations of bacteria. What kind of organism was produced at the end? _____
 - This many generations is similar to _____ years of human evolution.
- A Lazarus Taxon is a species that disappears from the fossil record (and is presumed extinct) for long ages, but then reappears later as though it has risen from the dead.
 - Examples such as the Wollemi pine, the shrimp, and the coelacanth show _____ change over the alleged millions of years that they have been around.



Lecture 14: Evolution vs. God

- Video Clip: Evolution vs. God

Lecture 15: A Baseless Hypothesis

- Nobel Prize winner Professor Sir Ernst Chain described evolution as a “hypothesis based on _____ evidence and _____ with the facts.”
- John 3:16-20: God wants to save the world.

Memory Verse: 2 Timothy 4:3-4 (NIV)

“For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.”