

THE CHALLENGE OF EVOLUTION
(Genesis 1:1 - 2:4)

II. Problems for Naturalistic Evolution

B. Biological evidence

1. “Gradualism” doesn’t work—slow changes in single steps

2. “Punctuated Equilibrium” doesn’t work—IMMEDIATE change by LEAPS
 - a. No MECHANISM to CAUSE sudden changes
 - b. Would have to occur in ENTIRE populations
 - c. Would have to be MILLIONS of such leaps
3. “HOPEFUL MONSTER” doesn’t work—inexplicable COMPLETE change
4. “Cooperation and Symbiosis” doesn’t work—organisms working
TOGETHER for CHANGE
5. “Complexity Theory” doesn’t work—SELF-ORGANIZING systems
6. “Seeding from SPACE” doesn’t work—earth life came from ELSEWHERE
 - a. No mechanism for TRANSPORT of life naturally
 - b. Would require sophisticated INTELLIGENCE to do so
intentionally
 - c. Does nothing to EXPLAIN origins, merely COMPLICATES it

7. "TIME TRAVEL" doesn't work—HUMANS learn to create life and travel
BACK IN TIME to start the process

C. MATHEMATICAL evidence

1. FACTORS NECESSARY for random production of life are too NUMEROUS
2. VARIATIONS in CURRENT system are too NUMEROUS
3. EQUILIBRIUM in current system too FINELY BALANCED

III. Predictions of the BIBLICAL Model

- A. Complexity evidencing INTELLIGENT DESIGN as created by GOD
- B. Evidence of gradual LOSS of INFORMATION due to the CURSE
- C. Evidence of widespread DESTRUCTION from the FLOOD
- D. Evidence of SIMILARITIES among diverse PEOPLE GROUPS
- E. Evidence of significant DIFFERENCES among diverse peoples

IV. The Factor of FAITH

- A. Belief in EVOLUTION is a BLIND faith
- B. Belief in CREATION is a FACT-BASED faith
 1. The facts don't PROVE the biblical account of CREATION
 2. The facts show the BANKRUPTCY of ANY evolutionary hypothesis
 3. The biblical record is the ONLY coherent model for the origin of life that is
CONSISTENT with the observable data