

# FAITH & REASON

*MADE SIMPLE*



RATIONALLY DEFEND WHAT YOU  
BELIEVE IN A CULTURE OF SKEPTICISM



*With*  
*Rick McGough*  
***PART 1***

1 Peter 3:15 – “But sanctify  
Christ as Lord in your hearts,  
*always being ready to make a defense to*  
everyone who asks  
you to give an account for the hope that is in  
you, *yet with gentleness and reverence;”*



*WHY DO WE NEED THIS?*



APOLOGETICS



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A wooden cross is shown in the foreground, with a red cloth draped over its horizontal beam. The background is a dark, starry night sky with a bright light source in the upper left corner, creating a soft glow and lens flare effects.

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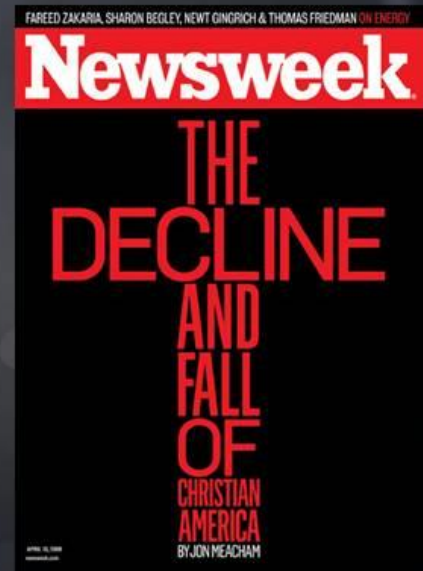
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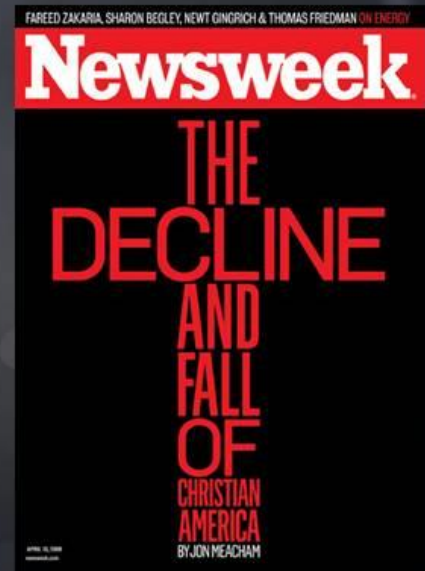
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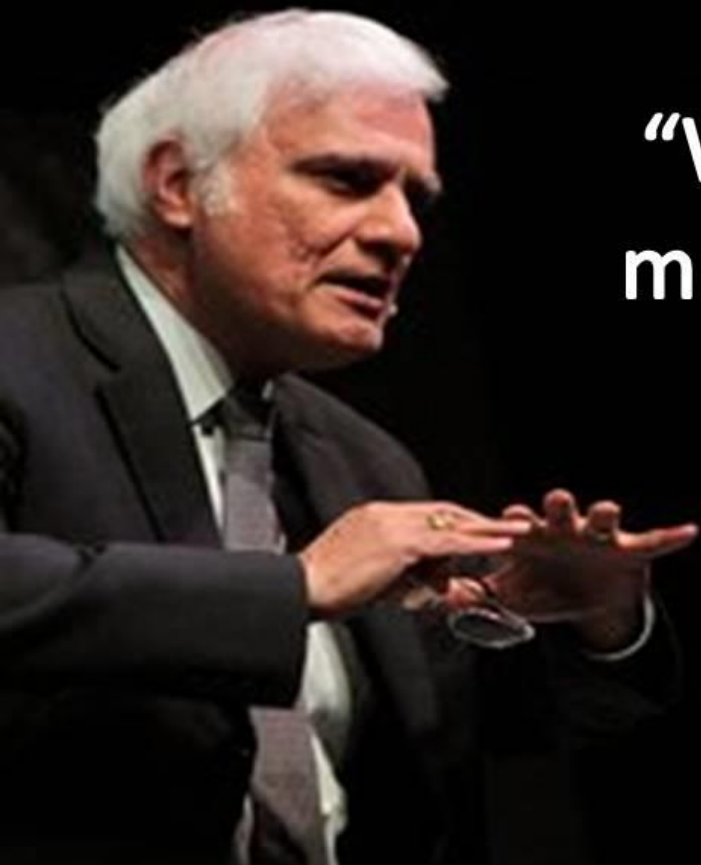
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FAITH

REASON



**“What I believe in my heart  
must make sense in my mind”**

*- Ravi Zacharias*

**Acts 17:1-3 NASB** Now when they had traveled through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. (2) And according to Paul's custom, he went to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures, (3) explaining and giving evidence that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and *saying, "This Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you is the Christ."*

**Acts 17:22-24 NASB** So Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I observe that you are very religious in all respects. (23) "For while I was passing through and examining the objects of your worship, I also found an altar with this inscription, 'TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.' Therefore what you worship in ignorance, this I proclaim to you. (24) "The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands;

**“A faculty of the mind by which it distinguishes truth from falsehood, and good from evil, and which enables the possessor to deduce inferences from facts or from propositions.”**

**(Also - Logic)**

*Reason*



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*Faith*

***Faith rests upon evidence !!!***

**“Belief; the assent of the mind to the truth of what is declared by another, resting on his authority and veracity ...”** (Webster’s Dictionary)

*Faith*





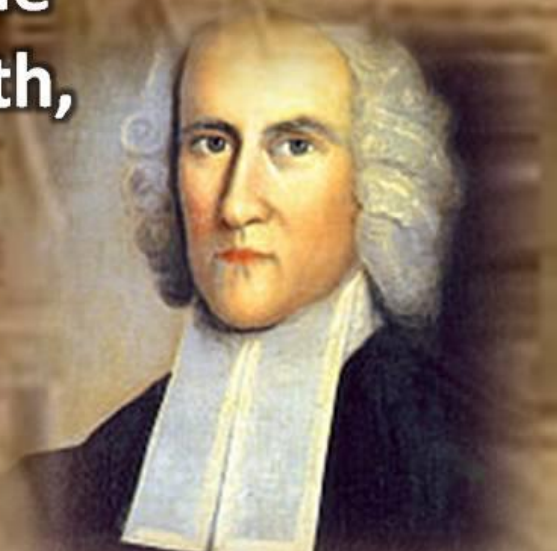
# FAITH & REASON

Faith and Reason are both related to and  
based upon Evidence!

***Faith and Reason are companions!***

**“All truth is given by revelation, either general or special, and it must be received by reason. Reason is the God-given means for discovering the truth that God discloses, whether in his world or his Word. While God wants to reach the heart with truth, he does not bypass the mind.”**

***- Jonathan Edwards***

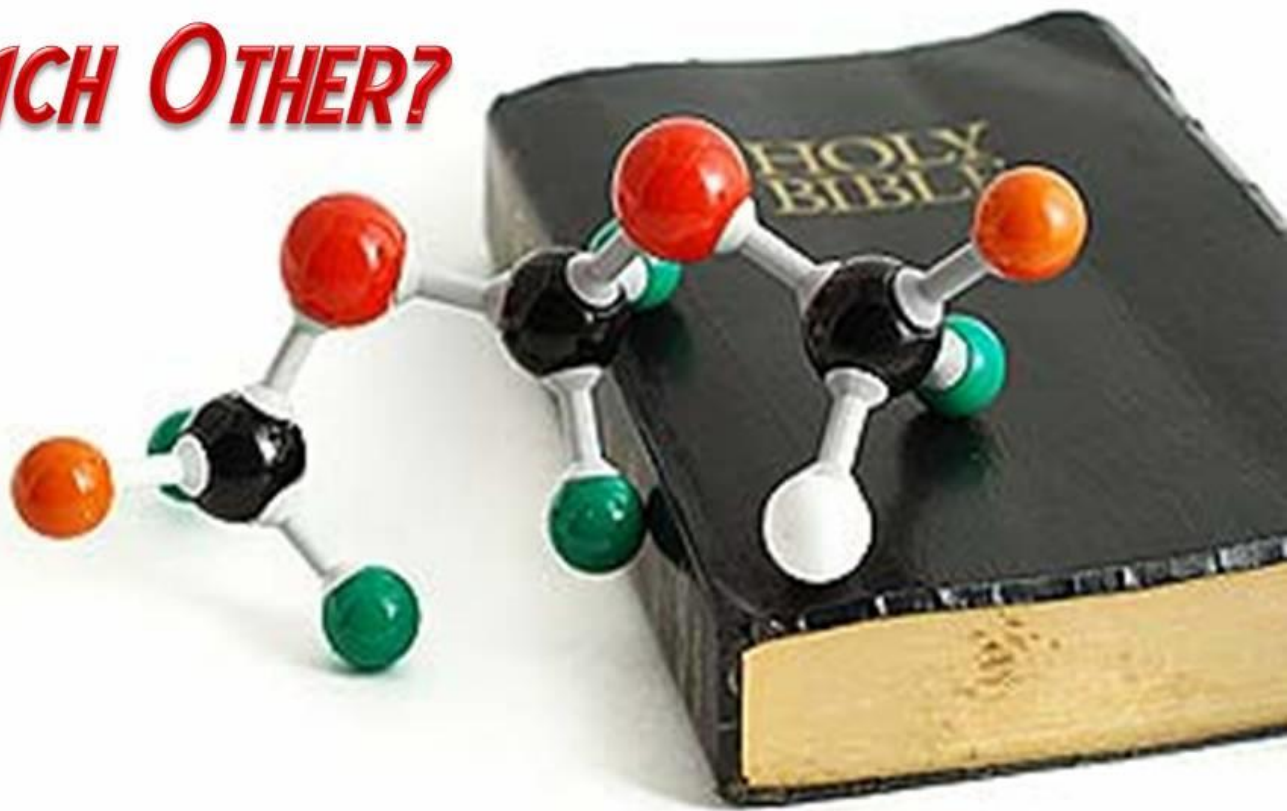


# CREATION vs. EVOLUTION

(PART 1)



*ARE SCIENCE & THE BIBLE  
AGAINST EACH OTHER?*



“So you can study biology without accepting evolution... but if one day you try to insert your religious beliefs into science, it won't fit, and your reputation among biologists will go down the toilet where, I have to say, it will belong. **Evolution, after all, is a fact.** You may be able to do the *process* of science without accepting it, but you won't be able to discover or create anything or push the field forward, because you don't actually understand it. Another analogy would be like studying cooking without believing in flavors: You can follow the recipes, but you cannot create new ones, so even if you get a job at a kitchen you are not a true chef. **You will be able to do biological research, but you won't understand biology, and won't really be a biologist** even if your diploma says you are.”

Matan Shelomi (Biologist)



Matan Shelomi - Biologist

Max Planck Institute  
for Chemical Ecology

**1980 - 1998 Assistant – Then Associate Professor  
of Horticultural Sciences at Cornell University**

**Honorary Adjunct Associate Professor of  
Botany at Duke University**

**Sanford has published over 70 scientific publications**

**Sanford is an inventor with more than 32  
issued patents**

**At Cornell Sanford and colleagues developed the  
"Biolistic Particle Delivery System" or so-called  
"gene gun"**

**He has founded two biotechnology companies**

**Author of *"Genetic Entropy & the Mystery of the Genome"***



**Dr. John C. Sanford**

**American Plant Geneticist  
Advocate of Intelligent Design  
Young Earth Creationist**





A SCIENTIFIC DISSENT  
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# A SCIENTIFIC DISSENT FROM DARWINISM

*“We are skeptical of claims for the ability of random mutation and natural selection to account for the complexity of life. Careful examination of the evidence for Darwinian theory should be encouraged.”*

**Signed by Over 900 Scientist Thusfar!**

[www.dissentfromdarwin.org](http://www.dissentfromdarwin.org)

A woman with blonde hair tied back, wearing a white lab coat and a pearl earring, is looking through a black and white microscope. The background is a blurred laboratory with test tubes containing green liquid.

***What is  
Science?***

**“Knowledge”**

**True Science is Observable,  
Demonstratable & Repeatable**

# OBSERVATIONAL SCIENCE

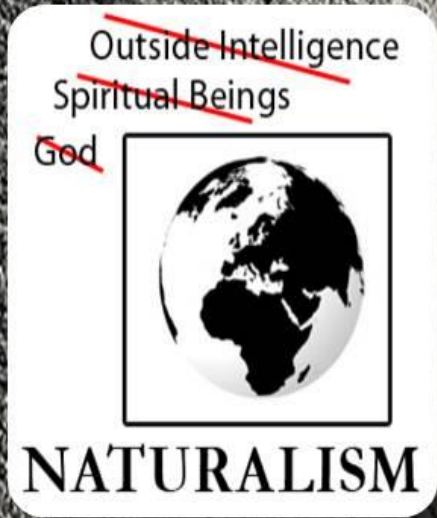


# HISTORICAL SCIENCE



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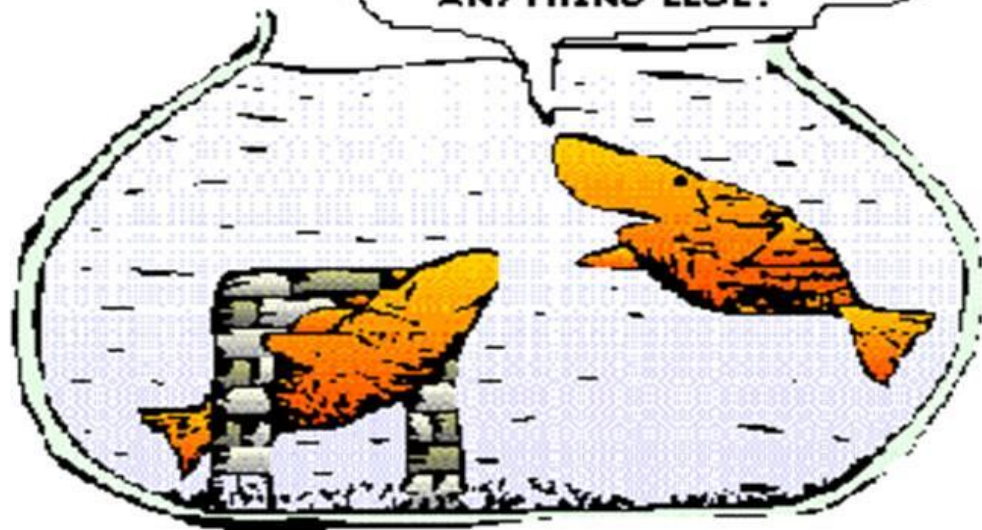
**“Naturalism is a system of which the salient characteristics is the exclusion of whatever is spiritual or supernatural.”**



# Naturalism

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NO, IT'S PERFECTLY OBVIOUS  
THAT NOTHING EXISTS OUTSIDE  
THIS BOWL ... JUST THINK OF  
IT — HAVE YOU EVER EXPERIENCED  
ANYTHING ELSE?



# Naturalism

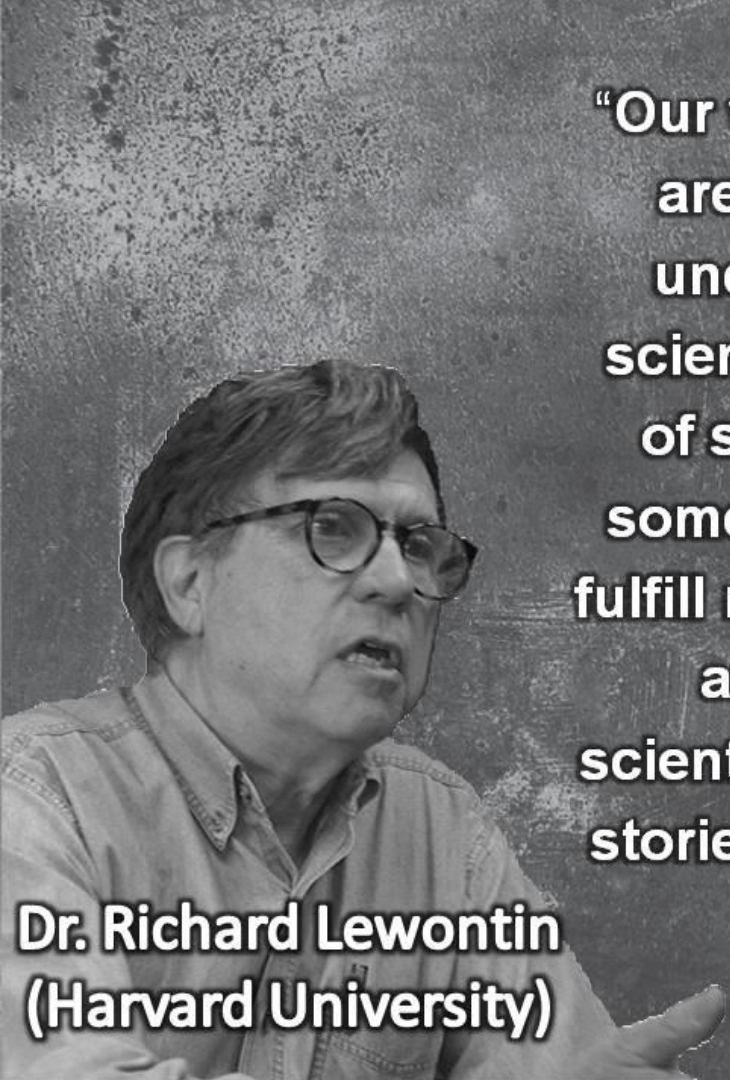
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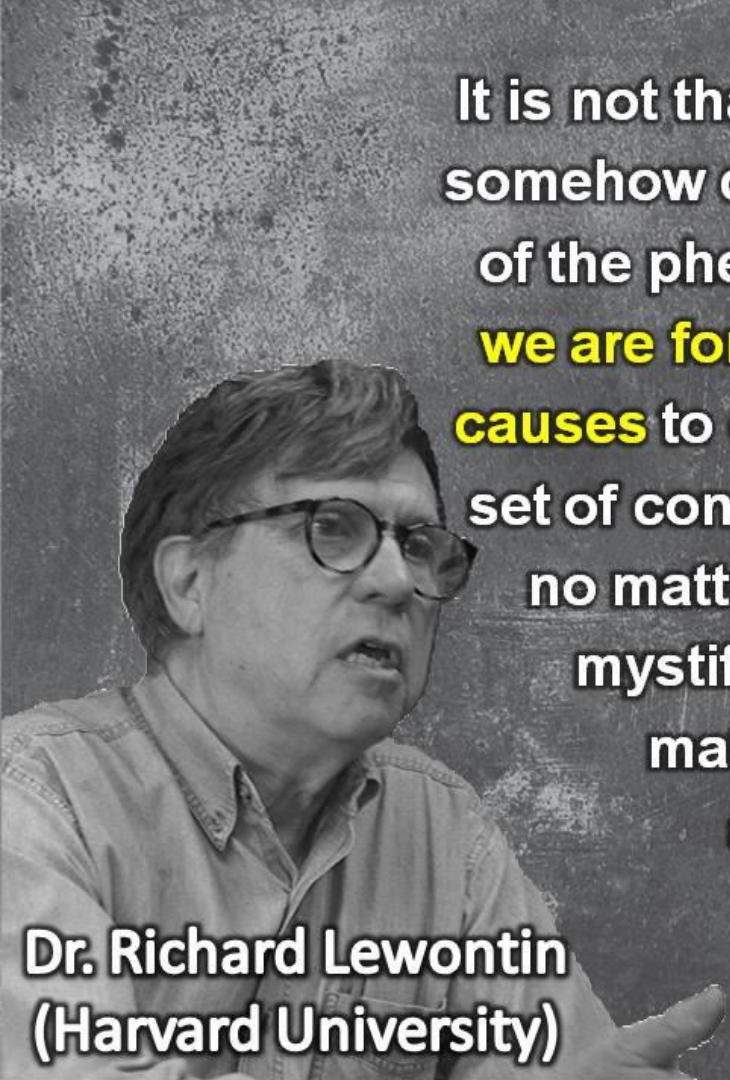
**1 Rule – “4” is Not Allowed**





**“Our willingness to accept scientific claims that are against common sense is the key to an understanding of the real struggle between science and the supernatural. We take the side of science in spite of the patent absurdity of some of its constructs, *in spite* of its failure to fulfill many of its extravagant promises of health and life, *in spite* of the tolerance of the scientific community for unsubstantiated just-so stories, because we have a prior commitment, a commitment to materialism. ...**

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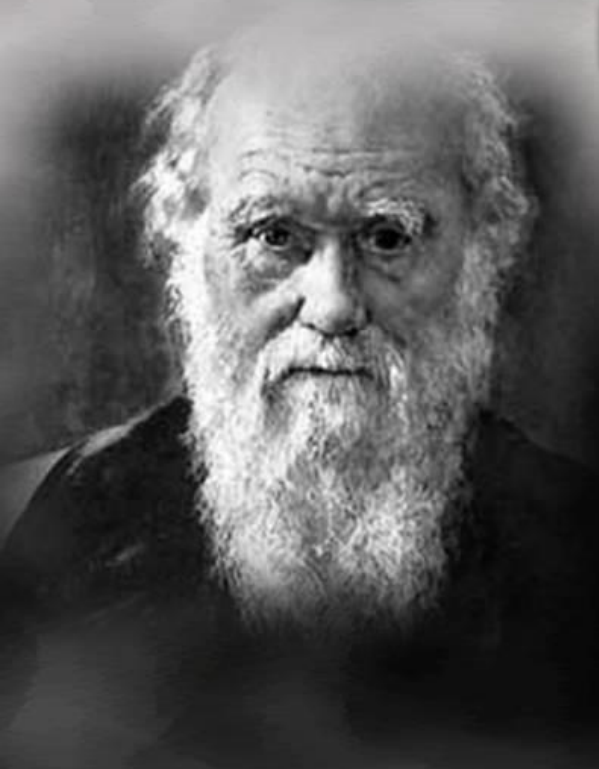


It is not that the methods and institutions of science somehow compel us to accept a material explanation of the phenomenal world, but, on the contrary, that **we are forced by our a priori adherence to material causes** to create an apparatus of investigation and a set of concepts that produce material explanations, no matter how counter-intuitive, no matter how mystifying to the uninitiated. Moreover, that materialism is absolute, for we cannot allow a Divine Foot in the door.”

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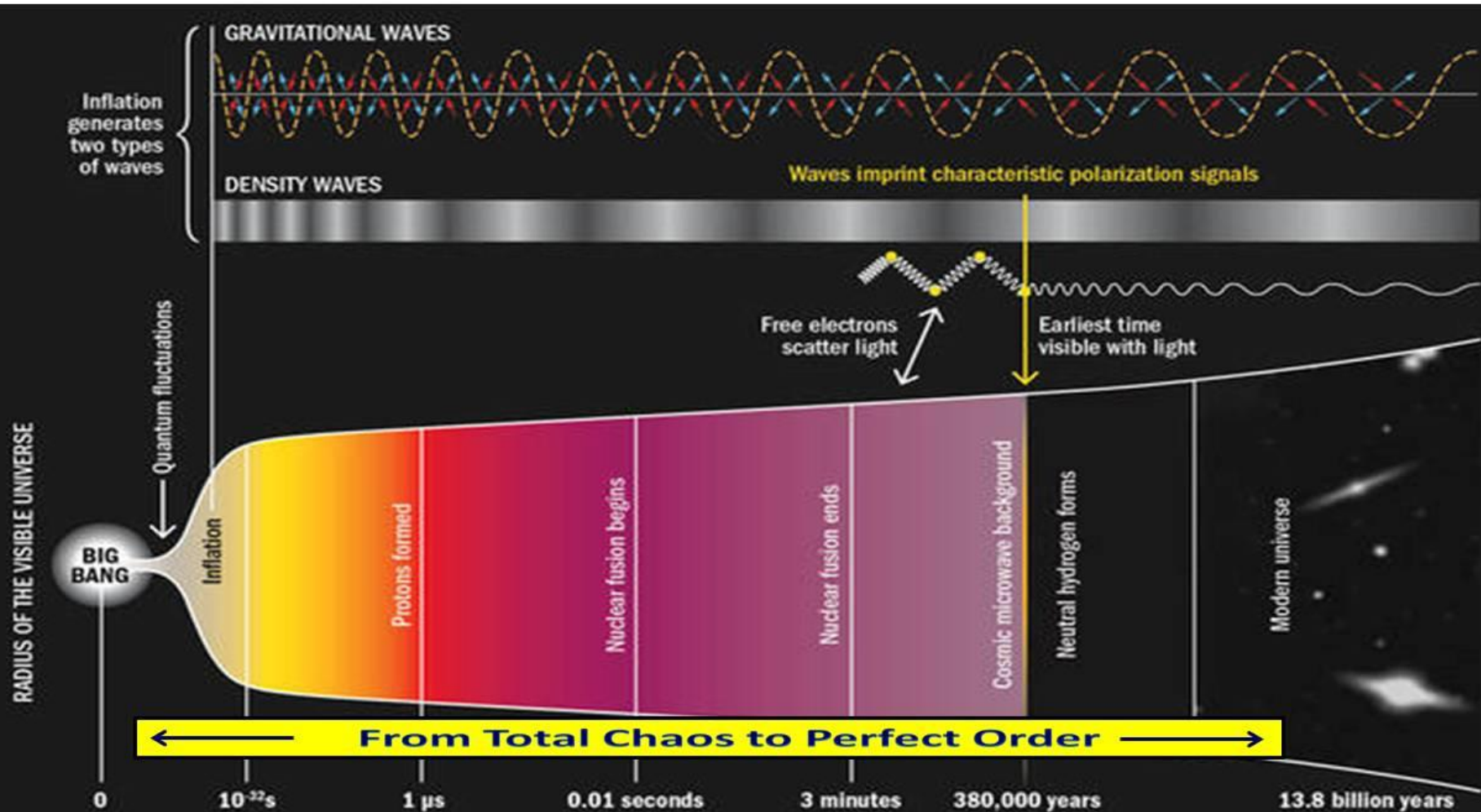
# **Evolution**



## **1 – The Theory of Evolution Violates the 2<sup>nd</sup> Law of Thermodynamics**

**The amount of usable energy in any  
closed system always decreases  
(Things move from order to chaos,  
Not from chaos to order)  
("Entropy")**

# "BIG BANG" HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSE





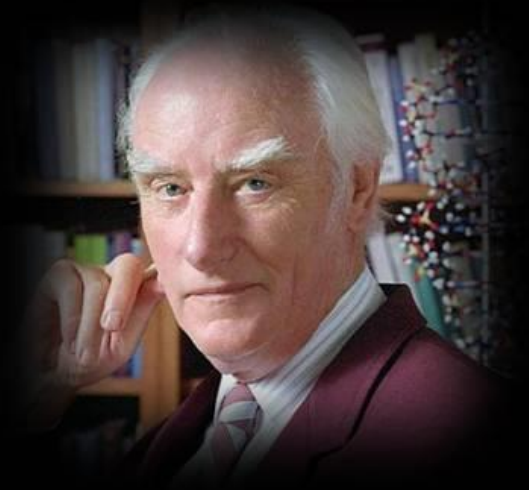
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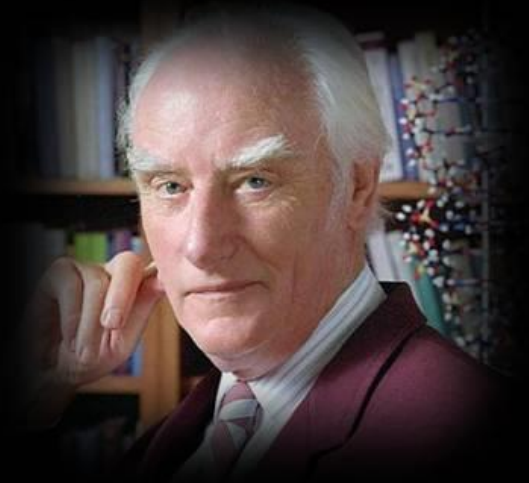
**2 – The Theory of Evolution  
Violates the Law of Bio-Genesis**

**Life only comes from life!**

**The idea of “spontaneous generation” which  
is life coming from non-life has been tested  
and proven to be false!**



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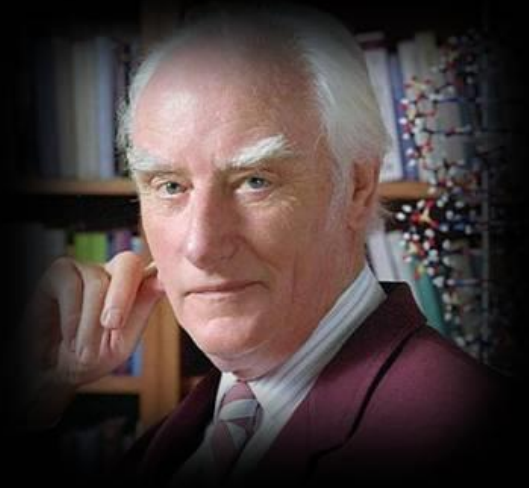


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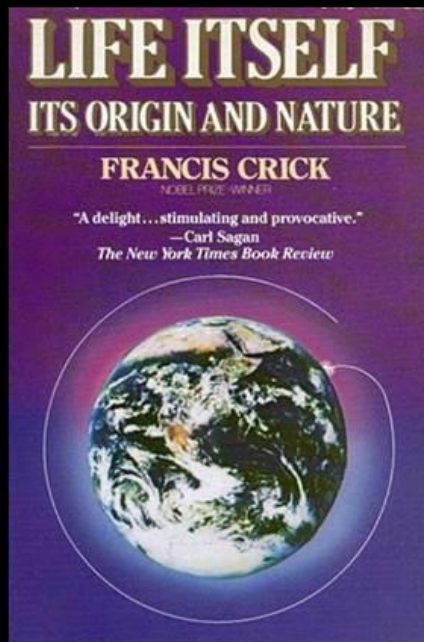


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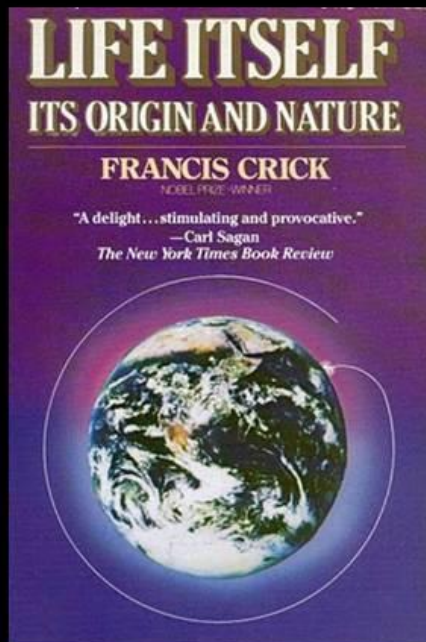


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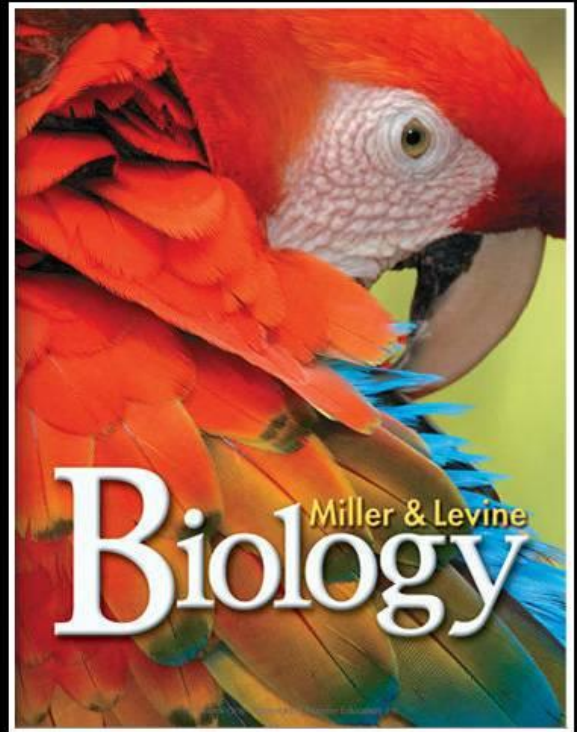
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“Directed Panspermia” (2.10)

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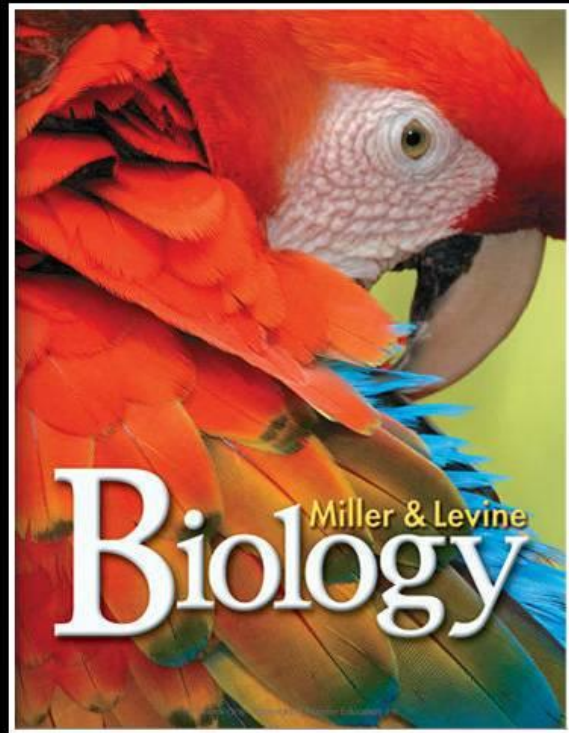
*“(Charles) Lyell also argued that scientists must always explain past events in terms of events and processes they could observe themselves. That, Lyell insisted, was the only way the scientific method could work.” (P. 272)*



## Example of Text Book Fallacies

### Note the Double Standard

*Hey, what's going on?" you might exclaim. If we just said that life did arise from nonlife billions of years ago, why couldn't it happen again? The answer is simple: Today's Earth is a very different planet from the one that existed billions of years ago." (P. 346)*





# *THE FLAWS OF THE THEORY OF* **Evolution**



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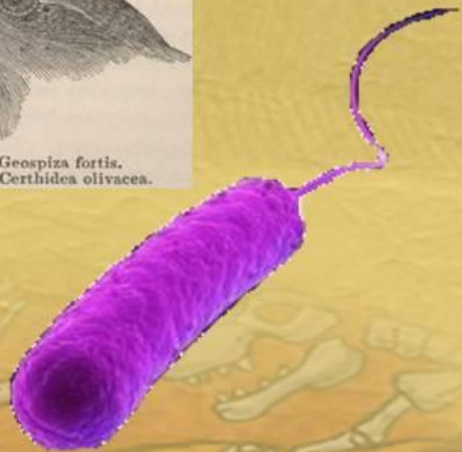
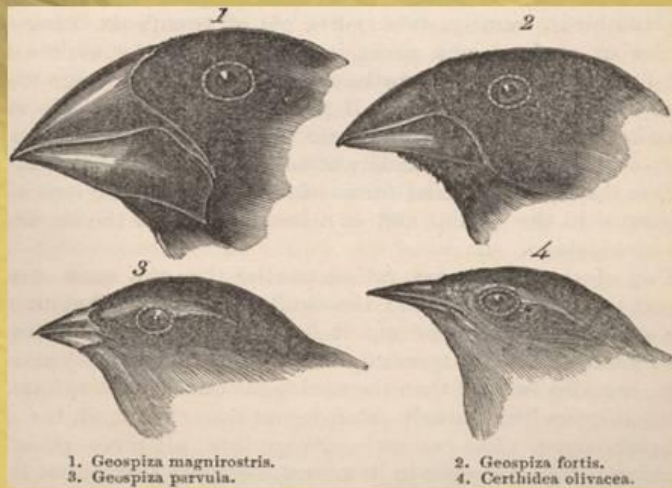


And let us dispose of a common misconception. The complete transmutation of even one animal species into a different species has never been directly observed either in the laboratory or in the field.

— *Dean H. Kenyon* —



**“Microevolution” is purposely confused  
With “Macroevolution” in textbooks  
And in other evolutionary materials.**







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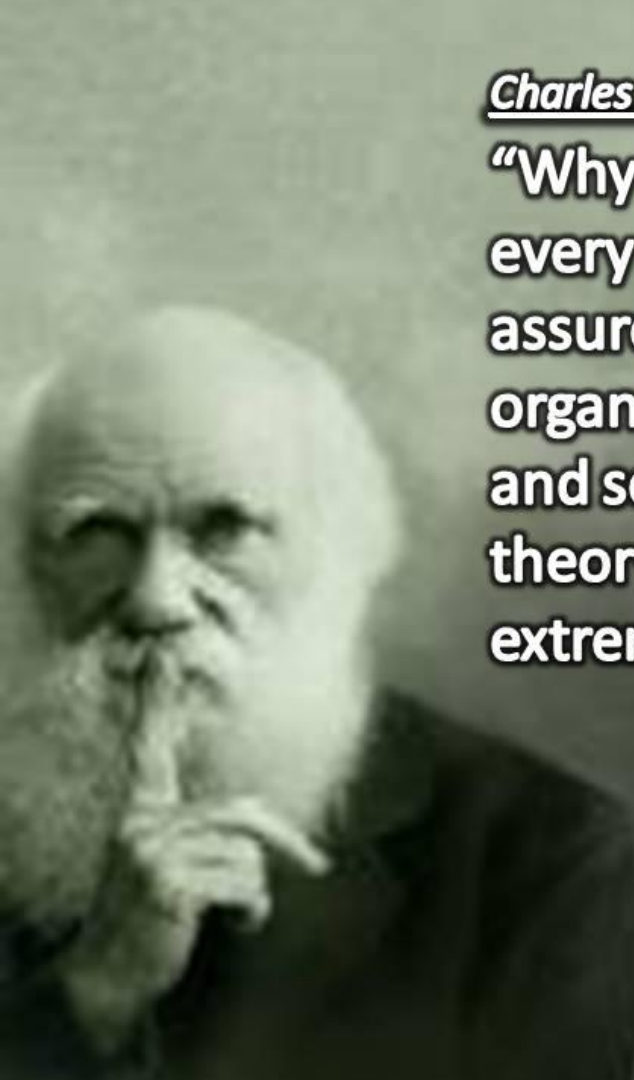
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## **4 – The Theory of Evolution Contradicts The Fossil Record**

**If the theory of evolution were true the fossil record would be filled with “transitional” life forms. It is not!**

**Also, fossils found in rock layers give evidence that rock layers were formed quickly!**



Charles Darwin (1859)

**“Why then is not every geological formation and every stratum full of such intermediate links? Geology assuredly does not reveal any such finely graduated organic chain; and this, perhaps, is the most obvious and serious objection which can be urged against the theory. The explanation lies, as I believe, in the extreme imperfection of the geological record.”**

Charles Darwin, “On the Imperfection of the Geological Record,” Chapter 10, *The Origin of Species* (London: J.M. Dent & Sons Ltd, 1971) pp. 292-293.



David Raup (1979)

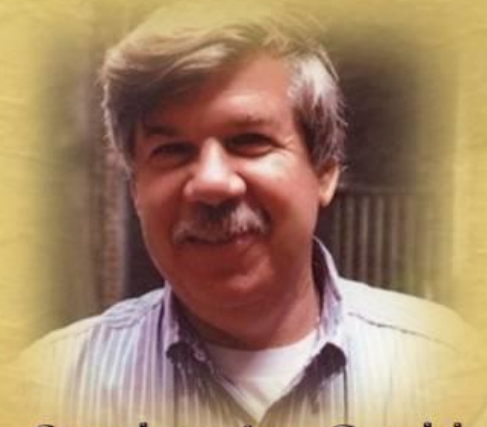
**“Well, we are now about 120 years after Darwin and the knowledge of the fossil record has been greatly expanded ... The record of evolution is still surprisingly jerky and, ironically, we have even fewer examples of evolutionary transition than we had in Darwin’s time.” [Darwin had none!] ... some of the classic cases of Darwinian change in the fossil record ... have had to be discarded or modified as a result of more detailed information.”**

D. Raup, "Conflicts Between Darwin and Paleontology," *Field Museum of Natural History Bulletin* 50(1), 1979, p.25.



Stephen Jay Gould (1980)

**“The absence of fossil evidence for intermediary stages between major transitions in organic design, indeed our inability, even in our imagination, to construct functional intermediates in many cases, has been a persistent and nagging problem for gradualistic accounts of evolution.”**



**Stephen Jay Gould  
(Harvard University)**

S.J. Gould, “Is a New and General Theory of Evolution Emerging?”,  
*Paleobiology* 6(1), 1980, p. 127.

Stephen Jay Gould (1977)

**“All paleontologists know that the fossil record contains precious little in the way of intermediate forms; transitions between major groups are characteristically abrupt.”**

S.J. Gould, “The return of hopeful monsters,” *Natural History* 86(6), 1977, p.24



**Stephen Jay Gould  
(Harvard University)**

Collin Patterson (1979)

“ ... I fully agree with your comments on the lack of direct illustration of evolutionary transitions in my book. If I knew of any, fossil or living, I would certainly have included them .... Yet Gould and the American Museum people are hard to contradict when they say there are no transitional forms. ... I will lay it on the line – there is not one such fossil for which one could make a watertight argument.”

C. Patterson, Personal letter to L. Sunderland, April 1979, as quoted in *Darwin's Enigma* (Green Forest, AR: Master Books, 1984) p. 89.

# Sweeping gene survey reveals new facets of evolution

May 28, 2018 by Marlowe Hood



**“And yet—another unexpected finding from the study—species have very clear genetic boundaries, and there's nothing much in between. ...**

**The absence of "in-between" species is something that also perplexed Darwin, he said.”**

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**“In analysing the barcodes across 100,000 species, the researchers found a telltale sign showing that almost all the animals emerged about the same time as humans.”**



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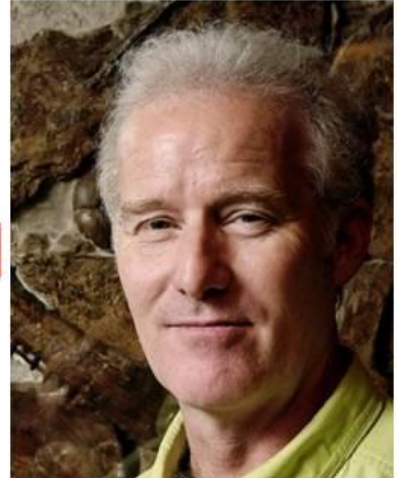
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# “Archaeoraptor”

**(1999) Proven as Fraud  
(by Dr. Timothy Rowe – Texas U.)**

**Still Published in  
National Geographic  
to Illustrate Feathered  
Dinosaurs  
(Pieced Together)**



# Feathered Dinosaurs?

**\* Many Museums Suggest Yes!**

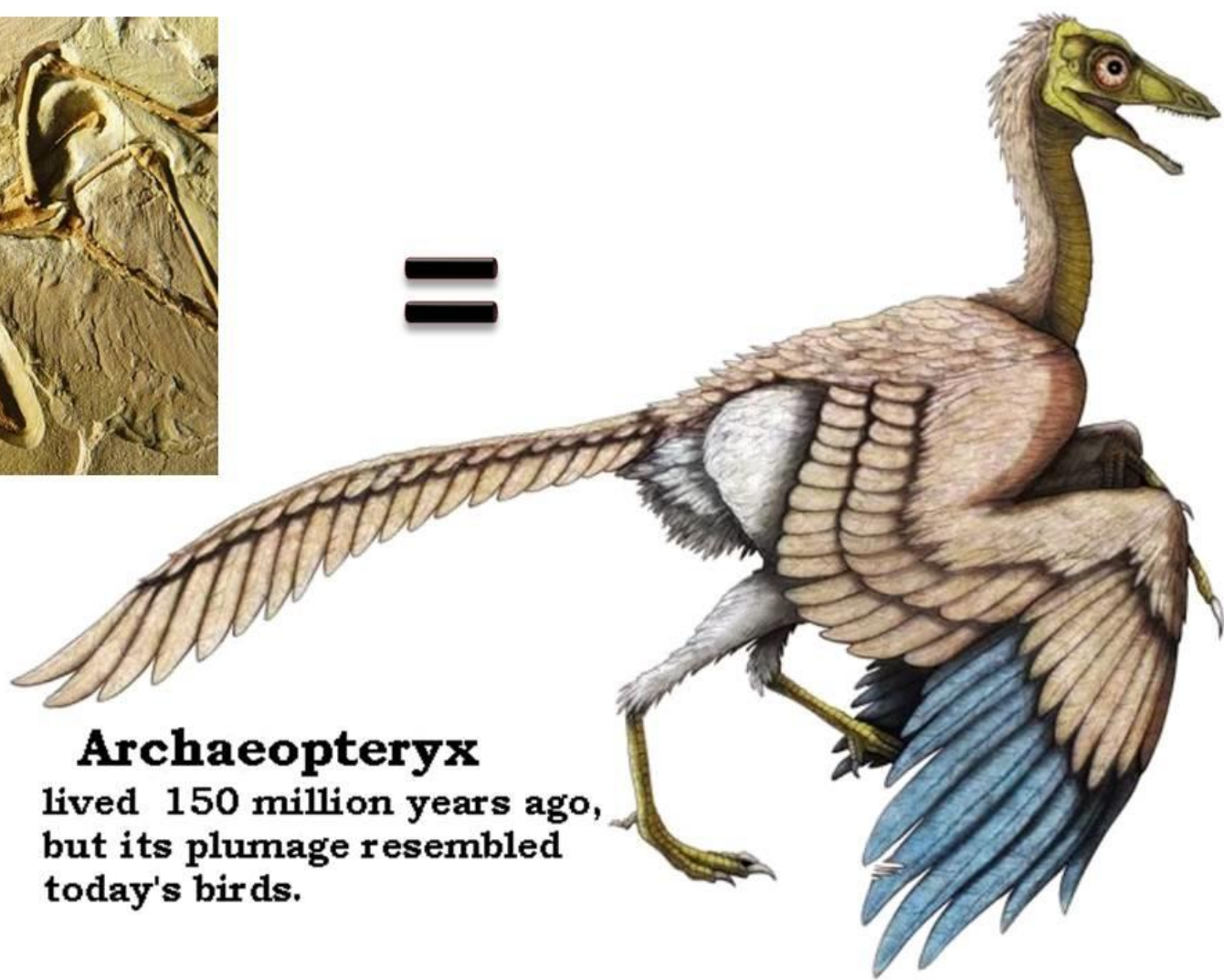
**\* No Feathers Have Been Found  
With Any Dinosaur Fossils**

**Dr. Storrs Olson (Smithsonian Institute) –  
(In a letter to National Geographic Society)  
“propaganda, hype, wishful thinking,  
melodramatic, nonsense, spurious,  
fantasia, a hoax”**



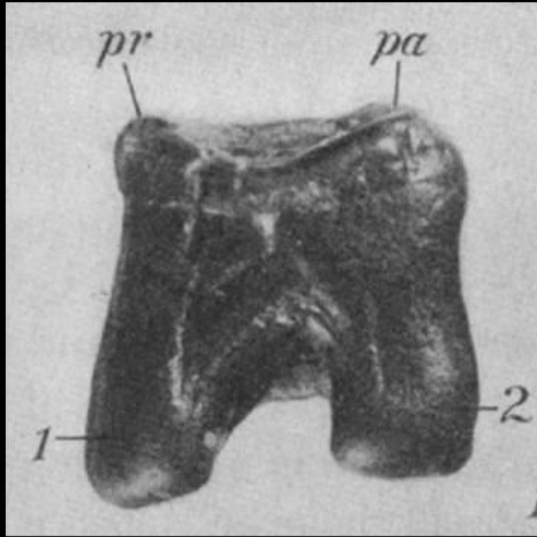


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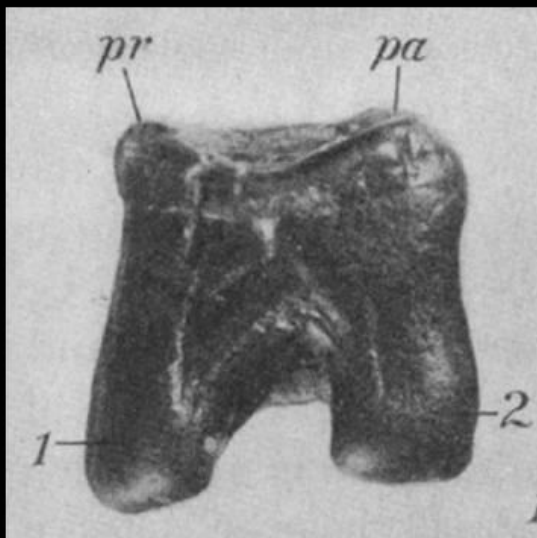
## **Archaeopteryx**

**lived 150 million years ago,  
but its plumage resembled  
today's birds.**



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**"NEBRASKA MAN"**

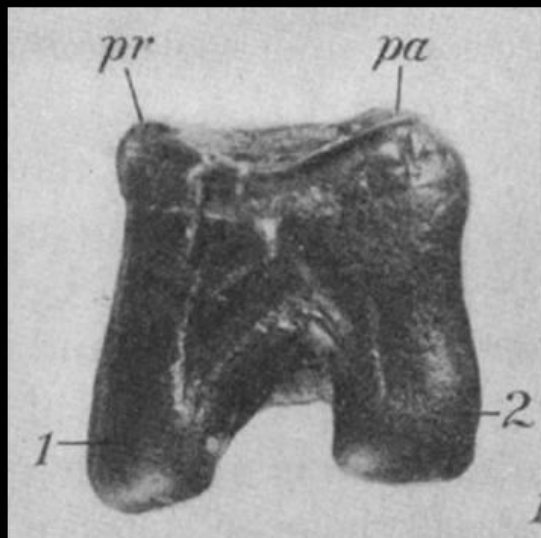


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## **5 – The Theory of Evolution Contradicts the fact that Mutations Do Not Bring Increased Genetic Information!**

**For more complex life forms to evolve from simpler life forms an increase of genetic information would be needed. Mutations are the result of missing genetic information!**