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Darwin's Magic Potion

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When Charles Darwin published *The Origin of Species* in 1859, he brought scientific credibility to the concept that man developed slowly from previous life forms. Most people do not realize that the concept of evolution did not actually originate with Darwin but predates him by thousands of years. Even the mechanisms proposed by Darwin can be attributed, in a large part, to others.¹ What sets Darwin apart is the timing of his work. The intellectual community of Northern Europe was ripe for a naturalistic explanation of life. The distortion of Biblical Christianity was bringing faith in the supernatural under increasing ridicule, and humanism (man making himself the center of all things) was rapidly replacing the Christian belief in absolute truth.

Thus when an alternative to creation seemed to have been found, it was rapidly accepted as fact. In actuality, Darwin proved neither where life came from nor how it developed. He merely proposed a method whereby

CSF Meetings

CSF South

New Wine Harvest Church
268 Old Clairton Road, Pleasant Hills

Tuesday February 21, 2006

A Pictograph is Worth a Thousand Words

Reid Moon

Mr. Moon will show several examples from Dr. Nelson's and Rev. C.H. Kang's book [The Discover of Genesis](#) that illustrate that ancient Chinese characters (or pictographs) dating back to 2,500 BC contain many of the stories found in the first 10 chapters of the book of Genesis including the flood and tower of Babel.

The presentation will be illustrated in power point and is appropriate for ages 12 and up.

CSF North

Next Meeting April 25, 2006

Peter's Creek Baptist Church
6300 Library Rd
South Park, PA 15129

Dr. Jerry Bergman

Topic to be announced

this transformation from beast to man *seemed* possible. With the exception of mutations, what Darwin believed about evolution has changed little in the last 140 years. Darwin's concepts have been taught with the fervor of religious dogma ever since.

Darwin suggested several things concerning the origin of our current biological diversity. The first was that "the species are not immutable." In common language, this means that the present forms of animal and plant life have developed by changes from ancestral forms over great periods of time. Evolutionists still believe that given enough time, there is essentially no limit to biological variation. Darwin proposed that micro-evolution could be extended to account for nearly all of the diversity of life and that all life has a few original ancestors. Darwin also postulated that a force called "natural selection" (commonly known as "survival of the fittest") is responsible for guiding this upward development of all life. Can this magical force transform an ameba into a man?

Almost every biology textbook has the following example of how natural selection works. In England, before the industrial revolution, it was common to find the peppered moth in proportions of 95 per cent light-colored to 5 per cent dark-colored. This was primarily because the majority of the trees at that time were light and the light-colored moths were better camouflaged. Thus fewer light-colored moths were eaten by predators. After the industrial revolution, the trees became primarily dark-colored (due to pollution) and the light-colored moths were now at a dis-advantage to the predators. Thus, the peppered moth population shifted to 95 per cent dark-colored peppered moths. This is a classic example of the powerful ability of natural selection to adapt an organism to its environment. But how does this explain the development of completely different types of animals? We started with light and dark moths and we ended up with...light and dark moths. Nothing new developed; the population merely shifted. Furthermore, it has recently been disclosed that the evidence for the shift in moth population was doctored by gluing moths to trees for illustration purposes.²

There does not exist even one example of natural selection producing a new animal, a new organ, or even a major permanent change in an existing organism. This is because "natural selection" is just that - selection. It can create nothing new. It can only select the most advantageous information which is already present in the molecular blueprint of the organism. Natural selection can not cause new information to be added to the DNA of an animal.

1. Ian Taylor, *In the Minds of Men*, TFE Publishing, 1987.
2. Creation 21(3);56, 199.

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CSF January Events a Great Success

In last months issue of *Origins Insights* our chairman announced a new initiative by CSF to focus on four event meetings a year and to reach out to local pastors to bring them the evidence for creation in an understandable and winsome way.

This first in the series of pastor's dinner meetings featured Dr. Terry Mortenson from AIG who spoke on "Noah's Flood: Washing Away Millions of Years." One pastor who attended e-mailed us to say that:

"The evening with you and the other members of CSF and invited guests was a delight in many ways. The presentations by Dr. Mortenson were both understandable and compelling. They addressed many of the concerns I have as a pastor who can become frustrated about "world view" or lack thereof from a biblical perspective. I have discussed the evening numerous times this week in different circumstances and have found encouraging responses from the members. I am sure that I will be interested in your correspondence and information."

Northgate Church hosted a well publicized meeting where some 225 people heard Dr. Mortenson talk on "The Origin of Species: Was Darwin Right?".

What can you do to support these events? Check our web site, www.csfpittsburgh.org, for information on future events, encourage your pastor to take advantage of the information CSF has to offer, attend and invite a friend to attend the meetings planned to take place around the Pittsburgh area.

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