

GEOLOGICAL EVIDENCE

“In the beginning God...” (Genesis 1:1)

The only real evidence for or against evolution is in the fossil record of the past. Darwin recognized this as a problem. In his book “On Origin of Species” he stated, “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 gravest objection which can be urged against my theory.” Since 1859 when Darwin published his book, things have not gotten better for his theory. Steven Jay Gould wrote, “The extreme rarity of transitional forms in the fossil record persists as the trade secret of paleontology. The evolutionary trees that adorn our textbooks have data only at the tips and nodes of their branches; the rest is inference, however reasonable, not the evidence of fossils.” The fossils give evidence of mature, fully functioning creatures suddenly appearing and remaining much the same. There is no evidence of one life form changing to another. Some scientists have introduced the idea of punctuated equilibrium, which is the idea that jumps in the fossil record reflect catastrophes that brought no major changes in the species. In this view, evolution is not gradual but punctuated by sudden leaps from one stage to the next. In short, punctuated equilibrium is not an explanation but a description of the evidence, which is better explained by a Creator, not an evolutionary process.