

God Questions
Part 6: Evolution or Creationism?
Genesis 1

Darwinian Evolution: *Time + chance + natural selection = all life on earth*

Darwinian Downsides

1. **Statistics point away from evolution:** the possibility of life's simplest organism coming into being without help is one in 10^{4925} . But if the universe is 13.73 billion years old (as taught by evolutionists), there have only been 10^{110} atomic interactions since the Big Bang brought the universe into existence! That's much less than 10^{4925} .
2. **Species are retreating, not advancing:** living things reproduce. Genes don't get added or created to that life-form's genome; just the reverse. Genetic mutations are almost always negative. There's either a turning off of a gene or the loss of it **97%** of the time.
3. **Nature has too many irreducible complexities:** each part of the process of the reproduction of a cell relies on simultaneous chemical or electromagnetic triggers from other apparatus within the cell that could not come together except by careful design and could not start without an intentional "starter." For example, a combustion engine cannot begin to fire on its own without the necessary parts being assembled by an engine **maker**.

The Genesis Account

- Four fundamental determinations of **physics** are time, space, matter, and causality. Genesis 1:1 says, "*In the beginning [time] God created [causality] the heavens [space] and the earth [matter].*"
- The Hebrew word used for "created" is **bara'** which means "created from nothing" [*ex nihilo*] and is, therefore, only used with God. The word appears two more times in the Creation account (vv. 21, 27). The rest of the time, the author uses '**asa**, which means "to form," "to fashion," or "to manufacture by labor."

Days of Forming

- 1 ***Light formed***
- 2 ***Water formed in the sky***
- 2 ***Water formed on surface***
- 3 ***Dry land formed***
- 3 ***Vegetation formed***

Days of Filling

- 4 ***Lights give light to the earth***
- 5 ***Birds fill the sky***
- 5 ***Creatures fill the sea***
- 6 ***Animals fill the land and man created***
- 6 ***Plants for food fill the land***