I would like to personally thank you for watching the Origins program. Origins was a special program, near to the heart of my late husband, Russell Bixler.

I trust that the information in this presentation will be helpful in your study of creation science. Thank you for your prayerful and financial support of Origins… you’re making the television production of this program possible.

-Norma Bixler
What are Fossils?

- From the Latin, *fossilis*, meaning “dug up”
- The mineralized remains, traces, and impressions of plants and animals that lived long ago and have since been dug up
**Fossil Discoveries**

- Billions discovered
- Dinosaurs – Rockies, South Africa, Central Asia, Belgium
- Fish – California, New York, Scotland
- Marine Invertebrates – Almost everywhere
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Fossil Discoveries & Instant Stardom

- Yields instant coverage in newspapers worldwide
- *National Geographic*
- Such discoveries important for research funding
- “Discover or *perish*”
- Calls into question objectivity
Fossil Record in Darwin’s Time

- Very few paleontologists
- Very few fossils
- Even the limited evidence concerned Darwin
- “Where is the fossil evidence?” he asked
- Rationalized why there was no fossil support for his theory
Fossil Explosion in the Cambrian Strata

- A virtual explosion of life
- “Biology’s Big Bang”
- Nearly all animal phyla make first appearance
- Seems to have been “planted there”
- No pre-Cambrian ancestors
- Many of these animals continue today
Stasis and the Fossil Record

• In evolution, one would expect constant change
• By contrast, we find *stasis*
• Fossils show no slow modifications over time
No Intermediate Fossil Forms

- All creatures fully formed
- No evidence of transition
- British Museum: 60 million specimens – not one transition
- Evidence reveals *sudden appearance* of animal life forms
Evolutionist Concessions

- Darwin – “Where is the fossil evidence?”
- Stephen Jay Gould – there is “precious little.”
- A nagging problem for evolution
The Archaeopteryx – A Transitionary Form?

- An alleged transition
- Bird with lizard-like characteristics
- However, it is fully formed
- Not a true transition
- Even today, there is a Hoatzin bird that has two claws on first two fingers of each wing!
New Theory: Punctuated Equilibrium

- Long periods of stasis
- Occasional evolution
- Hypothesized to explain lack of transitions
- A futile hope!
- The evidence: creationism
What is DNA?

- Contains the blueprints for life
- Each cell holds enough data to fill paperbacks stacked 500 times as high as the distance from earth to the moon
A Typical Mutation

- A change of the DNA sequence within a gene
- Mutations = copying errors
- Results in a change not found in the parental type
- Evolution requires perpetual positive mutations
The Dilemma: Most Mutations Harmful

- Over 99% -- harmful and destructive
- Leads to deterioration and breakdown
- Threatens survival
- Deletes DNA information
The Theory of Natural Selection

- There is a competition to survive
- Survival of the fittest
- Superior traits passed on
- Weak die off
- End result = evolution
A Blind, Unguided Process

- Natural selection =
  - Unguided
  - Unsupervised
  - Mindless
  - Purposeless
- No long-range goals
- No God overseeing process
- But what does the evidence show?
Natural Selection Within Species

- There can be changes within species
- Relates to “microevolution”
- Example = dogs
- Genetic variation = built into gene pool
- Indication of “intelligent design”
Natural Selection Can’t Produce *New* Species?

- Science disproves
- Violates fossil evidence
- Violates DNA evidence
- "Macroevolution" never been observed
- Cats can’t become dogs
Parameters Set by DNA

- There are gene pool parameters
- There is variation *within species*
- But can’t “vary” beyond DNA parameters
- Cats *remain* cats
- Evolution would require *new information* infused into DNA
Comparative Anatomy & Evolution

• Higher vertebrates and humans have similar organs (like eyes, ears, and a nose)
• Evolutionists say it proves evolution
• Actually, it proves intelligent design by God
Proves Intelligent Design

- Human engineers incorporate similar designs
- Wheels are a good example
- They are used in a variety of ways
Intelligent Design

- Light bulbs are another good example
- They are used in a variety of ways
Intelligent Design

- Air conditioners are another example
- They work great in houses, buildings, cars, airplanes and more
Intelligent Design

- Glass lenses are yet another example
- They are used in a variety of ways
- Human engineers know that whatever “works” can be adapted for multiple purposes
• God is the divine engineer
• Because humans and animals have similar environments
• And similar organs
• It makes good sense to endow them with similar organs
• God is very wise!
Our Verdict

- The fossil records support creationism
- DNA evidence supports creationism
- Comparative anatomy supports creationism
Amazing DNA: It beats computers!

A computer can hold billions of bits of data. But, DNA the size of the head of a pin contains enough data to fill a stack of books reaching from the Earth to the moon—500 times over!

Now, think of the billions of dollars & hours of research it took to develop the computer. No scientist would ever look at a computer & think it was the result of chance random processes.

Yet these same scientists look at DNA and insist it arose through evolutionary processes!
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