

Creation vs. Evolution - Agreements

See Movie Clip 1: Introduction

(Clip 1 is part 1 of "A Question of Origins" found free at:

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Details of clip:

- A typical evolutionary animation of the origins of the universe (but put together by creationists). It shows:
 - Big Bang
 - Formation of Planets
 - Spontaneous Generation (appearance of first cell)
 - Biological Evolution by means of natural selection and mutation
 - There is mention of the timescale
- Introduction:
 - Two contrasting views – random formation over a long timescale, or recent creation
 - What does the **observable evidence** indicate?

Timeline:

To clarify the differences between the creation and evolution debate, it is absolutely necessary to have a basic understanding of the time lines each view holds to. See attached charts.

See Movie Clip 2: Agreements between Creation and Evolution

(Clip 2 is part 2 of "A Question of Origins" found free at:

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Details of clip:

- Creation and Evolution scientists alike agree that there is variation and that natural selection occurs. **However**, Creationists do not agree that this explains the arrival of the fittest.
- They also agree that things can mutate. **However**, Creationists do not agree that this fact can support evolution because mutation is always destructive.

Other Agreements:

- As we studied science and made discoveries in the last few hundred years we have discovered laws and constants:
 - Johannes Kepler discovered that planets rotate the sun at a rate of $p^2 = a^3$
 - Isaac Newton came after him and showed that Kepler's laws can be derived from more fundamental laws of physics.
 - The periodic table of elements holds every known substance in existence in the universe and it can be arranged in a chart logically where elements in columns have like properties.
 - The periodic table of elements is also derived from more fundamental physics laws – if the physics laws were at the least bit out of whack, the periodic table of elements would not only not line up in the same way, the elements themselves could not exist.
 - We are discovering our whole universe is held together by laws of physics that are derived from other laws of physics and if the fundamental laws of physics were changed in the least bit the universe could not exist.
 - Both evolutionists and creationists agree about these discoveries. There is no dispute over the facts. **However**, Creationists believe that the fact that the universe hangs in such a delicate balance and shows a great amount of logic and order is a strong case for a creator, whereas evolutionists look for ways for this order to come about by natural causes.
- Both Creationists and Evolutionists agree that we observe redshift, cosmic microwave background, etc. - ideas leading to the conclusion that the universe is expanding. **However**, both groups have different

conclusions about what is happening today and what has happened in the past. Even the evolution camp is not satisfied with their Big Bang theory, yet a suitable replacement for it is yet to be found.

- Both Creationists and Evolutionists agree that the universe had a beginning (although this is somewhat of a thorn in the flesh for evolution because the question will always be asked – what happened before the beginning?).

Conclusion:

Numerous other examples exist and the common factor is that Creationists and Evolutionists agree on the **observable, repeatable evidence**. This is the scientific part. The disagreement is which model best fits that evidence. At the root of this disagreement is one assumption from each party:

- Creationists believe in the supernatural (as revealed to us in the Bible)
- Evolutionists reject the supernatural and are only willing to accept natural means for the scientific explanation of anything.

Therefore, once we complete this study (although we will have many reasons to accept the biblical account of creation and the flood) we must search for solid evidence to confirm the truth and reliability of the Bible.