The Fossil Record and The Origin of Man

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INTRODUCTION

- Whatever position you take about origins, how the world, the universe, or life on earth, how it came about, whatever position you take on that will be a position of faith.
- No human being was in a position to observe how this universe got here.
- The contrast is which position of faith is better supported by the evidence. And by the way, we all have the same evidence.

1 Indirect Evidence Based on the Fossil Record

- We do not see changes in the fossil record. The fossil record produces fossils.
- So what this should say is we have the indirect evidence for large-scale changes based on sequences in the fossil record.
- That's an assumption. That's not a direct observation.
- There is no one place on earth where you find all the fossils just lined up neatly.
- I hope to show you this evening that the fossil record provides major difficulties for the theory of evolution.

2 What Is a Fossil?

- A fossil is a mess on a rock.
- Fossils are rough rock replicas of plants or animals or their parts, especially their skeletons, and they provide us a link with the past.
- Capsules of information from past life forms. They're leftovers from things that were once living.

3 What Would You Expect to Find in the Fossil Record?

- Imagine how many small steps there need to be between a single-celled organism and an elephant. There ought to be millions of intermediates in the fossil record.
- 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.
- After having found millions of fossils that are stored in museums all over this world, the situation is worse now than it was in Darwin's day.
- It should show sudden appearance of complex forms with no fossil evidence of lower animals developing into new and complex forms.

4 Feature Number One: There Are Lots of Fossils

- Folks, if you argue with facts, you're going to lose every time. There are fossils all over the place.

- First of all, this geologic column does not exist anywhere on earth. It's in books.
- If the geologic column is a hundred miles high and the Grand Canyon's only a mile and a half, that means we're missing 98.5% of it.
- This column is not a fact, it's an interpretation of facts.
- Hundreds of locations on earth are known that do not match the order of this column.

5 The Early Origin of the Phyla

- How many phyla would you expect to find down at the bottom if evolution were true? Well, at the very bottom, zero, right?
- Practically every single phylum appears, boom, in the fossil record in the Cambrian layer.

MY NOTES