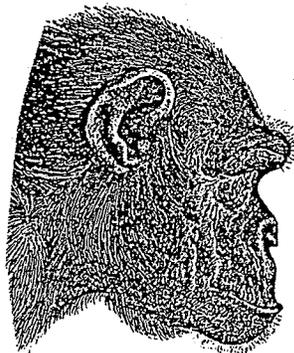
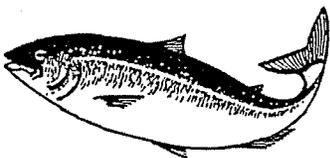
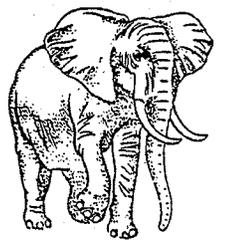
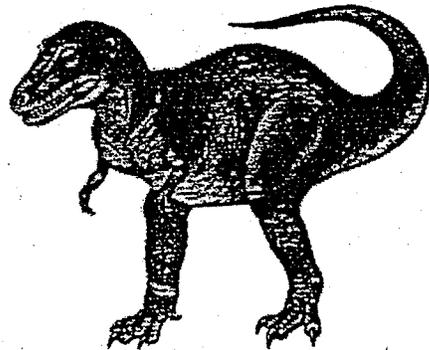
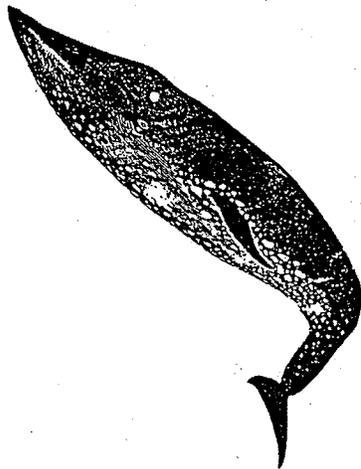
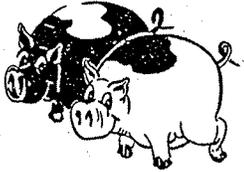
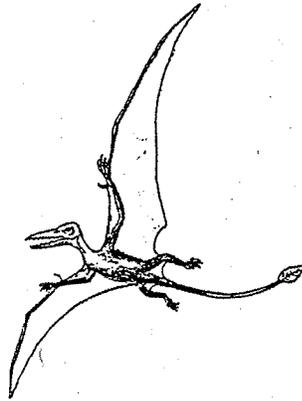
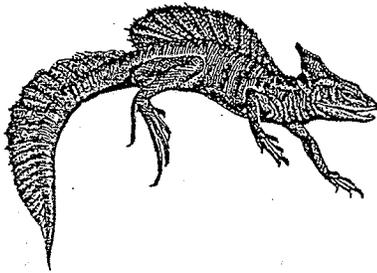
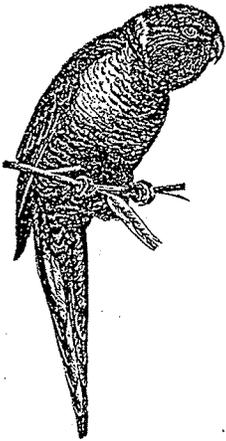
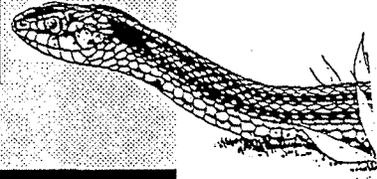

GENESIS VS. EVOLUTION



GENESIS CHAPTER 1 AND EVOLUTION

Can They Be Harmonized?

There are those who have tried to harmonize the statements in Genesis chapter 1 with the theory of evolution. They have concluded that the days of creation in Genesis and the theory of evolution teach essentially the same thing. They believe that there is no conflict between what Genesis teaches and what evolution teaches.

In order to make such a harmonization possible, there are many who have suggested that the days spoken of in Genesis 1 were not normal 24 hour days but they were actually long ages of time, with each day lasting thousands or even millions of years.¹ Their reasoning is as follows: “If we make the days of creation AGES then the Bible and evolution will both teach the same thing. In order to harmonize Genesis with evolution all we need is enough TIME, and if the days represent long ages of time, then we have solved the problem.” Actually they have not solved the problem at all.

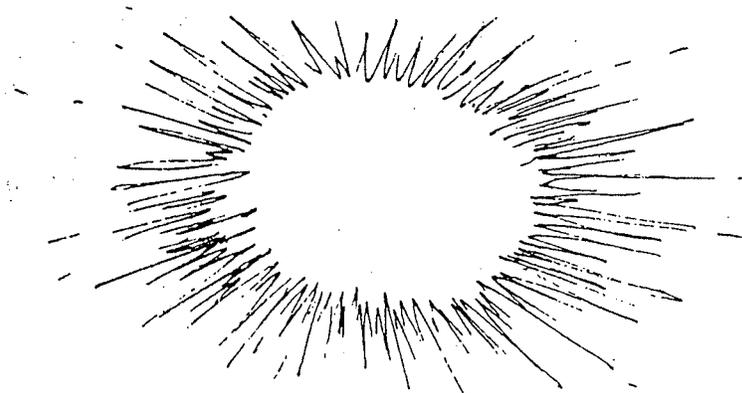
Creationists have long taught that the Bible harmonizes perfectly with the true facts of science. There is no conflict between Genesis and the true facts of science. The laws of genetics, the laws of thermodynamics, the fossil record, etc.—all of these harmonize perfectly with the Genesis creation account. However, there is a great conflict between Genesis and the theory of evolution, as will be demonstrated in this paper. Even if you make the “days” of Genesis 1 to be long ages, there is still a great contradiction between what Genesis teaches and what evolution teaches. There is “a great gulf fixed” between the two and they cannot be reconciled.

If the Bible is true, then evolution is wrong. If evolution is true, then the Bible is mistaken. They cannot both be true because they flatly contradict each other. If you are a Bible believer, then you cannot be an evolutionist. If you are an evolutionist, then you cannot be a Bible believer. We will now see why this is true.

¹ See our paper entitled, *The Day-Age Theory* (25¢) which shows the impossibility of making the “days” of Genesis 1 into long ages.

It is first necessary to review, in a very simple and basic way, what took place on each of the six days of creation, according to the Biblical record:

DAY 1



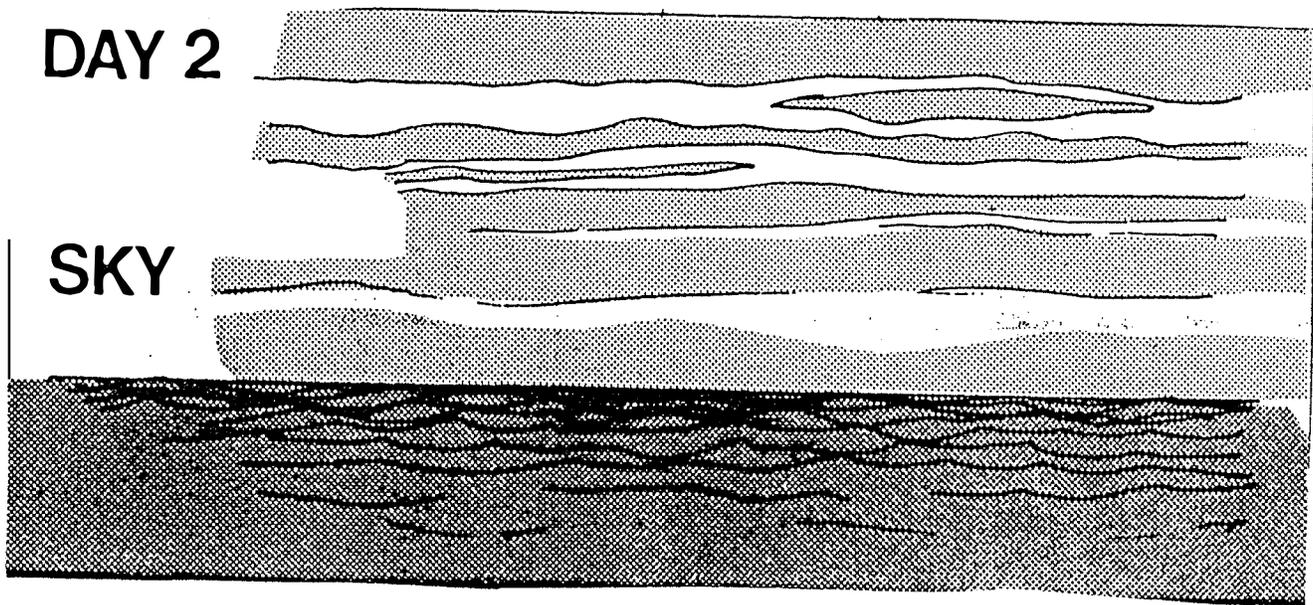
The heavens and the earth

(in their unformed and unfilled state).

LIGHT

(There was light even though the sun had not yet been created)

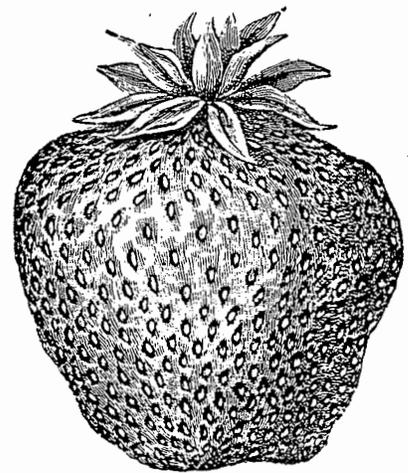
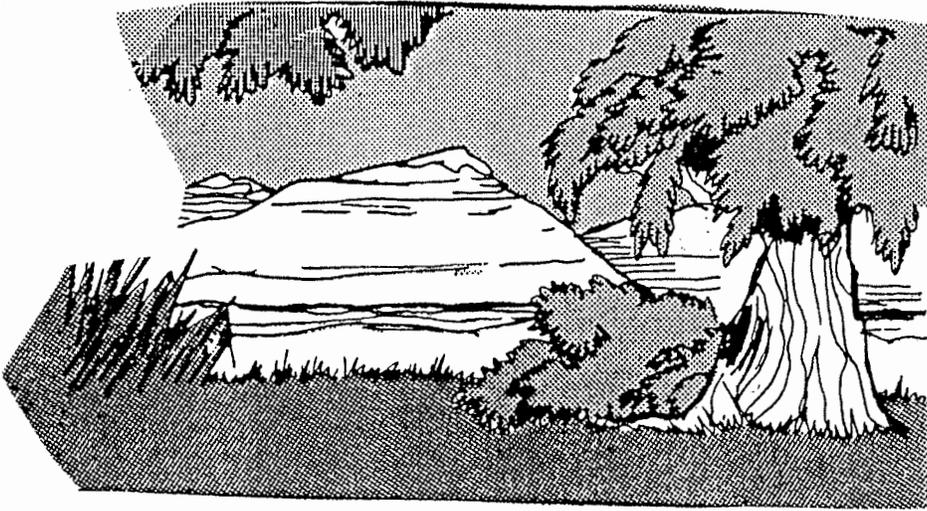
DAY 2



The Firmament (Heavenly Expanse)

There were waters under the firmament (the ocean waters) and there were waters above the firmament (perhaps some kind of vapor canopy—compare Genesis 7:11).

DAY 3

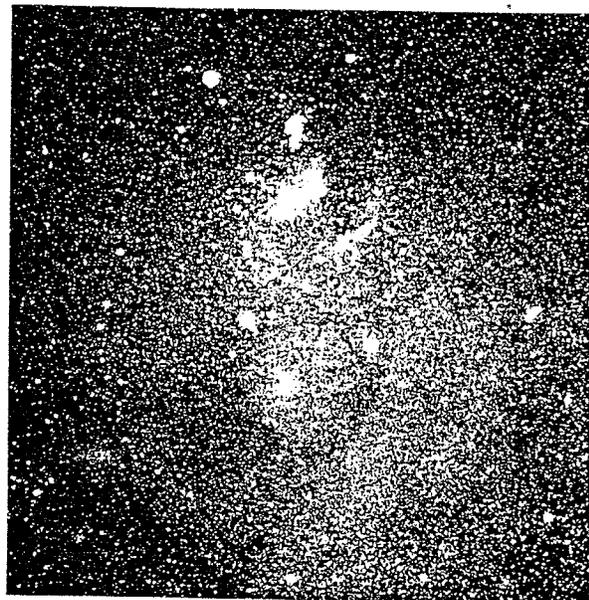
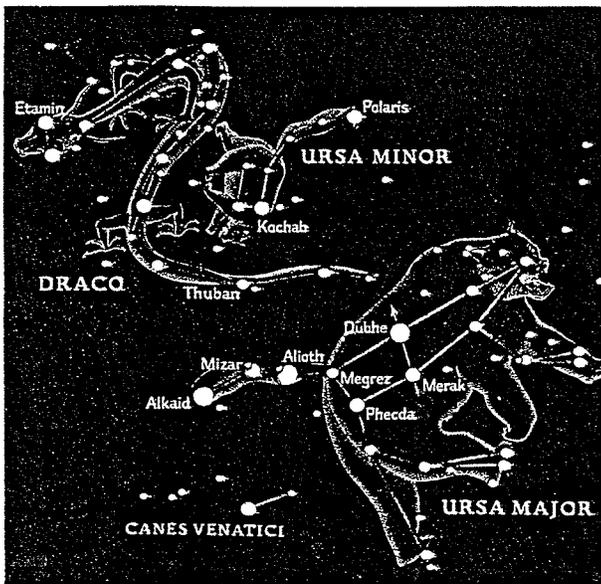
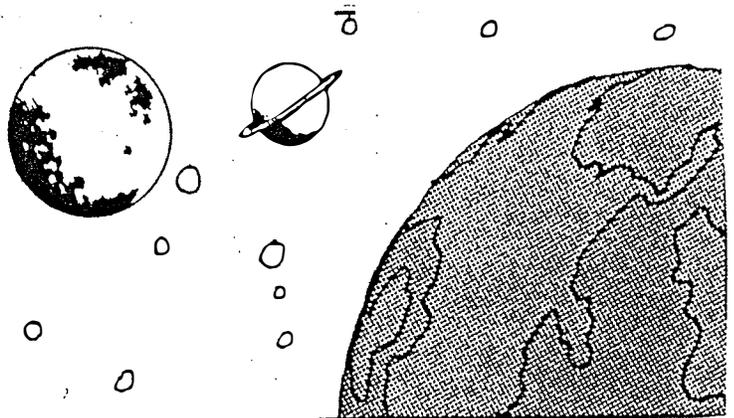
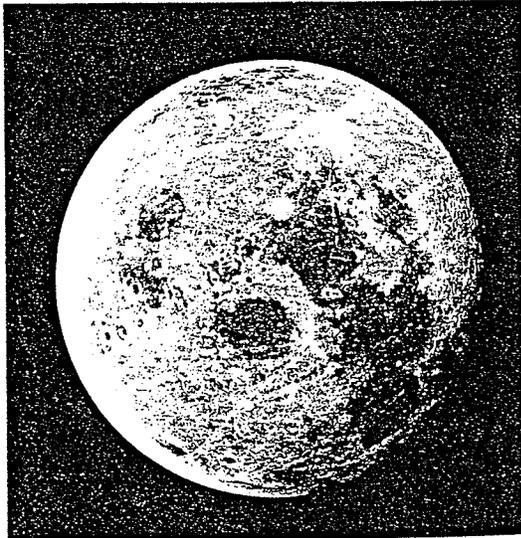


Dry Land and Plant Life

DAY 4



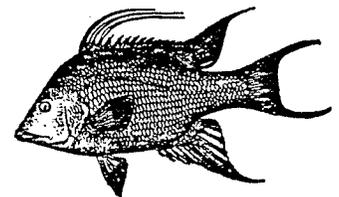
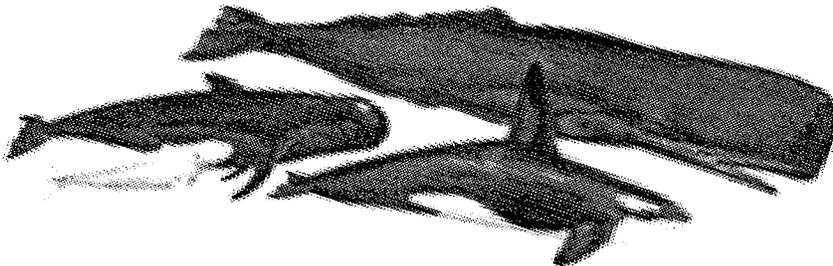
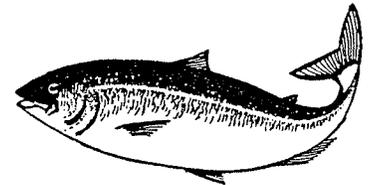
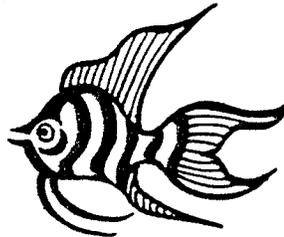
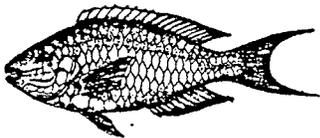
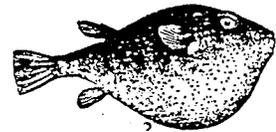
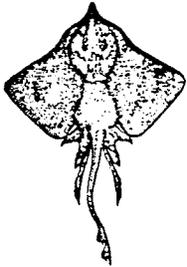
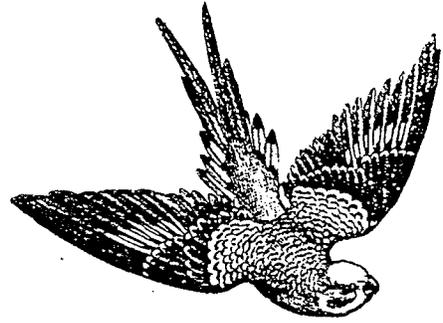
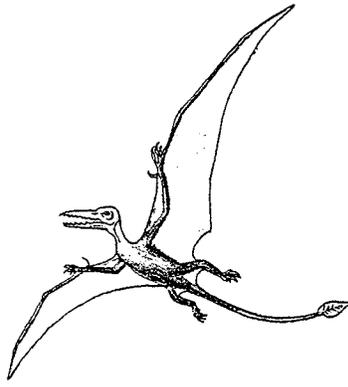
A full moon photographed from the Apollo 11 spacecraft at a distance of 10,000 miles from earth. This near-side picture is similar to the crude sketches that Galileo drew. (NASA)



Constellation of Orion

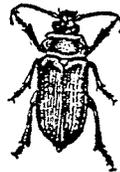
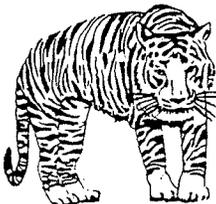
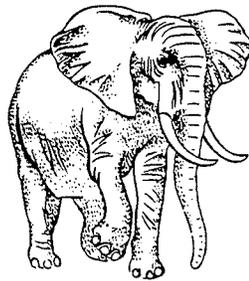
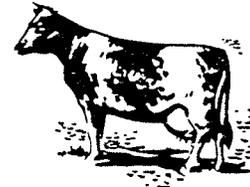
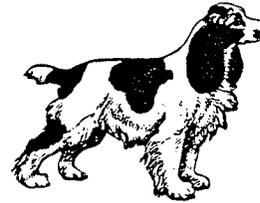
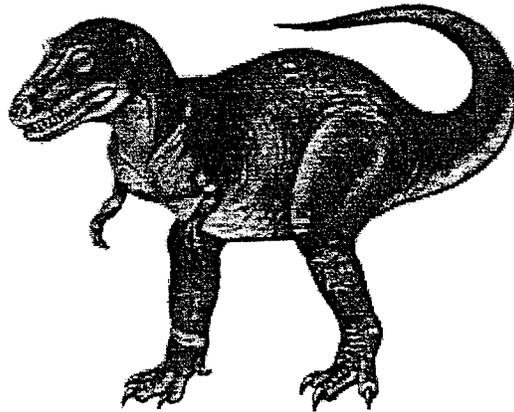
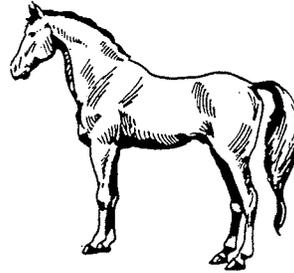
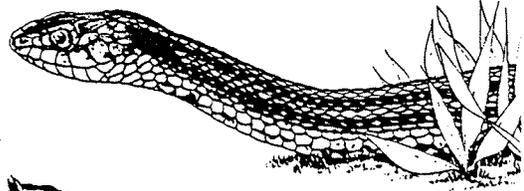
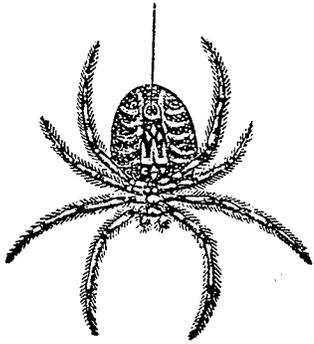
Sun, Moon and Stars

DAY 5



**Sea Creatures and Winged Animals
Fish and Fowl**

DAY 6



Land Animals and Man

Contradictions Between Genesis 1 and the Theory of Evolution

Now that we have been reminded as to what took place on each of the six days of creation, we are now ready to compare this to what the theory of evolution teaches:

Contradiction #1

Evolution teaches that life as we now know it took millions and millions of years to evolve and reach its present form. But Genesis chapter 1 teaches that God made everything in six days. Compare also what the Scripture says in Exodus 20:11 (part of the 10 Commandments): "For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is." There is a huge difference between six days and millions of years. This is why some believe that each of the creation days described in Genesis chapter 1 was really a long age of time. They are trying to harmonize the statements of Genesis with unproven evolutionary theory.

Contradiction #2

Evolutionary scientists teach that evolution is still taking place today. That is, life forms are still in the process of evolving from what they are today to what they will be in the future. The Bible teaches that creation is not taking place today. It is something that was completed in the past. God **finished** His work of creation (see Genesis 2:1-3).

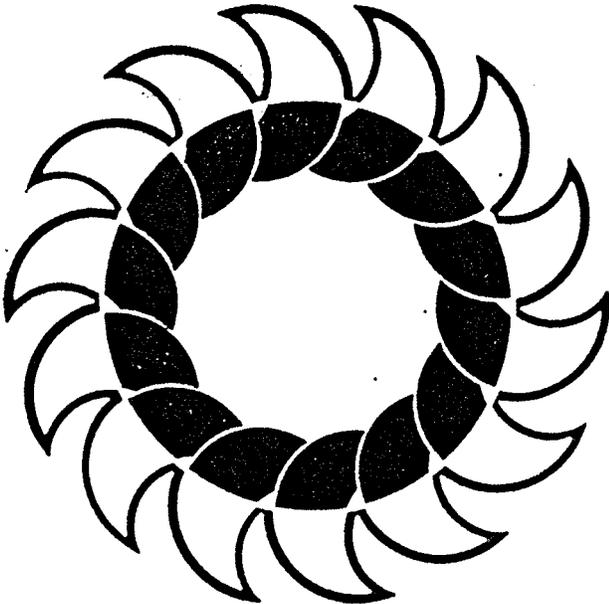
If creation is finished and not taking place today, then it is something that cannot be observed today because nothing is now being created. If evolution is still taking place then we ought to be able to observe it. Why don't we observe it? The evolutionists sometime answer in this way, "You can't observe it because it is a process that takes place so slowly that you cannot see it." But why is it that in the fossil record we do not find thousands of transitional forms of life, if these did indeed exist on earth as the theory of evolution demands?

Contradiction #3

Evolution teaches that all life came about by **natural processes** with the help of

TIME and CHANCE. Their motto seems to be this: ***If you have enough time and if you are lucky enough, then anything can happen!***² In contrast to this, Genesis 1 says that all things came about by a supernatural process, by the creative act of an omnipotent God. Creation was the result of an almighty, intelligent, all-wise Creator who spoke the Word and it was done (Psalm 33:6).

Contradiction #4



Evolutionists teach that the sun is as old or older than the earth. To the evolutionist it is unthinkable to have the earth existing before the sun, but this is exactly what the Bible teaches. The earth pre-dated the sun by three days. The earth was made on Day 1 (Genesis 1:1) and the sun was not made until Day 4 (Genesis 1:14-19).

Contradiction #5

Evolutionists teach that life began in the sea but Genesis teaches that the first life

² “More baffling still is how these proteins and genes got together in the first self-replicating cell. The odds against the right molecules being in the right place at the right time are staggering. Yet...what seems an impossible occurrence at any one moment would, given untold eons, become a certainty” (article by evolutionist Rick Gore in *National Geographic*, September 1976, page 390). In other words, if you have enough TIME anything is possible! The creationist has another motto that is far more reliable and satisfying: “With God nothing shall be impossible!” (Luke 1:37 and compare Gen. 18:14—“Is anything too hard for the Lord?”).

(plant life) actually began on the dry land (Genesis 1:11-12).



**“In the beginning”
according to the
evolutionists:**

Barren land. Air unfit to breathe. Time: about four billion years ago. Young earth is without life. The sun beats down; storms lash the coasts; volcanoes pour hissing lava into the shallows. These natural jolts fuse simple molecules into more complex ones, and for millions of years the number and complexity of molecules increase in the vast mixing tank of the sea.

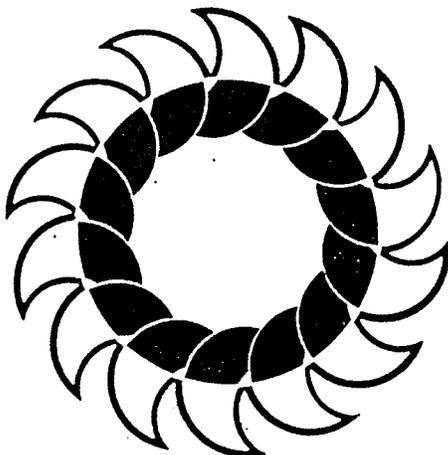
Amino acids are synthesized, interact with each other, and primitive protein is fashioned, perhaps as a wormlike molecule. These proteins join with primitive nucleic acids, and thereafter protein building becomes self-sustaining.

A DNA-like nucleic acid directs amino acids to build proteins that in turn fuel DNA replication and more protein building. Life has begun, but it is tenuous. Not until the first cell appears, perhaps a pale sphere enclosing a strand of DNA, can life take a firm hold.

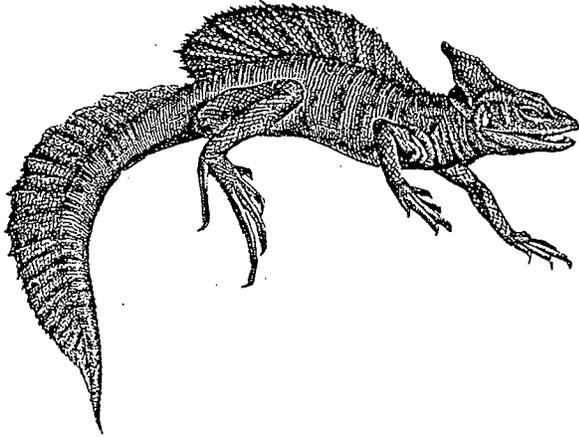
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Contradiction #6

Evolution teaches that life could not have existed without the sun. They believe that the first life began as a result of the sun's rays penetrating the primitive ocean. But Genesis teaches that the first life (plant life) was created on Day 3 (Genesis 1:11-12) and the sun was not created until Day 4 (Genesis 1:14-19).

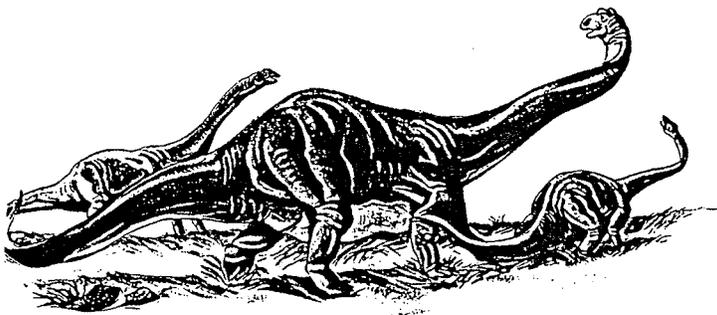


Contradiction #7



Evolution teaches that reptiles came before birds. This is because they believe that birds evolved from reptiles. But Genesis 1 teaches that birds were created on Day 5 (Gen. 1:20-23) and land reptiles were created on Day 6 (Gen. 1:24-25). Birds could not have evolved from reptiles if birds existed before reptiles!

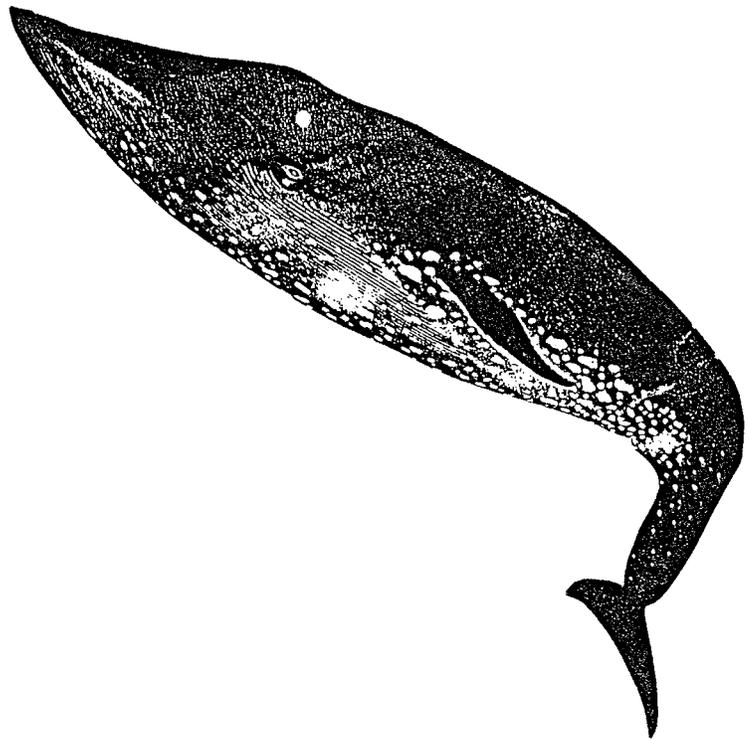
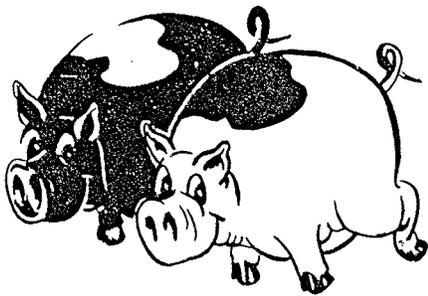
Contradiction #8



Evolution teaches that dinosaurs existed millions of years before man and became extinct long before man had evolved from ape-like ancestors. But the Bible teaches that man and land dinosaurs were both created on the same time (Day 6—see Genesis 1:24-27) and thus man and dinosaurs were contemporaries.

Contradiction #9

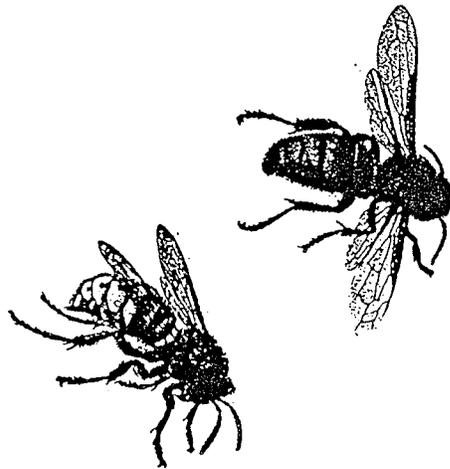
Evolutionists teach that land mammals came before whales. This is because evolutionists believe that whales evolved from some kind of terrestrial mammal (perhaps a pig-like creature). "It is generally agreed that whales originated in the early Paleocene or Upper Cretaceous (about 70,000,000 years ago) from some group of terrestrial meat-eating mammals" (*Encyclopedia Britannica*). They believe that this land mammal slowly evolved to the point where it was able to return to the ocean³ and become the largest animal on earth, perfectly adapted to its ocean environment. Genesis 1 teaches that whales were created before land mammals ever existed. Whales were created on Day 5 (Gen. 1:20-22) and land mammals on Day 6 (Gen. 1:24-25). Thus, according to the order given in Genesis it would have been impossible for whales to have evolved from land mammals.



³ We say "return to the ocean" because evolutionists believe that all life began in the sea (the first marine life eventually evolved into fish which evolved into some kind of amphibious creatures which evolved into reptiles which evolved into mammals and birds). Evolutionary textbooks will often give a pictorial representation of the evolution of man from ape-like creatures and the evolution of the horse, etc. but you will rarely see a depiction of the evolution of a whale! It is so silly it becomes embarrassing! How could a land mammal return to the ocean, lose its legs, develop a streamlined body, lose its body hair, increase its body size until it is the largest creature on earth, rotate the position of its nose and change its shape so that it becomes a blowhole at the top of its head, etc.? Remember, the blue whale is 21 times heavier than a large elephant, the world's largest land mammal. A large elephant weighs 7 tons but a blue whale weighs 150 tons! Isn't it much simpler to believe that this amazing animal was unique created and designed by God for life in the sea?

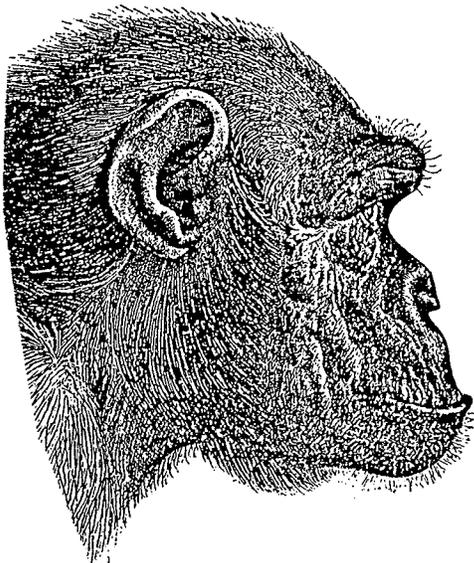
Contradiction #10

Evolutionists teach that flowering plant life is impossible without insects because pollination requires insects such as bees. Without such insects such plant reproduction would be impossible and the plants could not survive. But Genesis chapter 1 teaches that plants existed three days before insects were created. Plants were made on Day 3 (Gen. 1:9-13) and insects ("creeping things") were created on Day 6 (Gen. 1:24-25). The flowers could easily wait three days for the bees to come along, but if we try to make these "days" into long ages, then we have a problem. The flowers would not want to wait millions of years for the bees to arrive!



Contradiction #11

Evolutionists teach that certain ape-like creatures came along thousands or even millions of years before man. They believe that these ape-like creatures were man's ancestors and that we evolved from apes. Genesis 1 teaches that apes and men were both created on the same day (Day 6-Genesis 1:24-27). Men did not come from apes. Men and apes both came from the creative hand of God.



Contradiction #12

Evolution says that all life, including both plant and animal life, originated from that first living cell which evolved from non-life in the primitive ocean millions of years ago. All living things can trace their ancestry back to that first living cell (the great-grandfather of us all!). Thus evolutionists believe there is one big family tree and that all plants and animals are related to each other. Thus the fisherman is related to the worm he uses for bait, the fish he catches, the mosquito that bites him and even the weeds that get attached to his line!

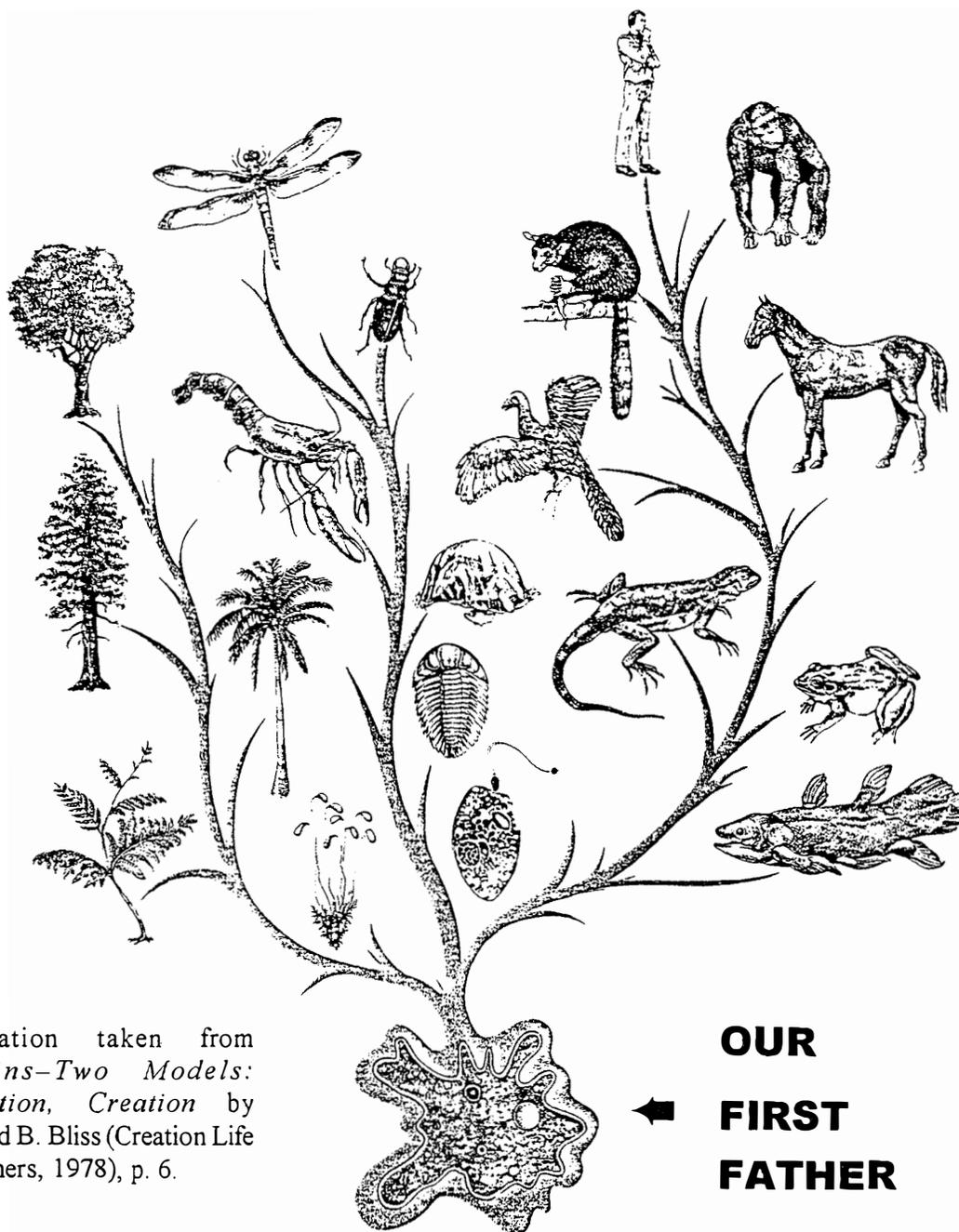


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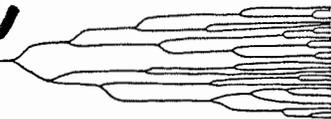
Genesis chapter 1 teaches that God made different "KINDS" of plants and animals and that they always reproduce "after their kind" (Gen. 1:12,24,25, etc.). "The Biblical model teaches us that God directly created a vast forest of permanently separate 'trees of life.' All of the basic 'kinds' of living things that have ever existed (such as men and gorillas and dogs and cats) were created within less than one week and have reproduced 'after their kind' since then. God did create these 'kinds' with rich potential for genetic variation into races, breeds, hybrids, etc." (John C. Whitcomb, *The Early Earth*, revised edition, p. 94). Within each "kind" there can be amazing changes and variation, but there can never be a change from one kind to another kind, such as a reptile changing into a bird or a pig changing into a whale or an ape changing into a man.

A Forest of Family Trees (Creationist View)

**Point of Origin
(Genesis 1)**



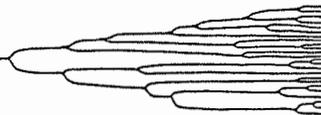
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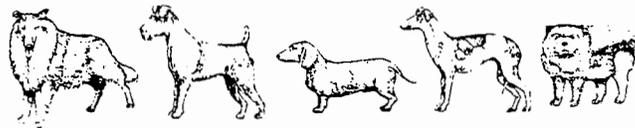
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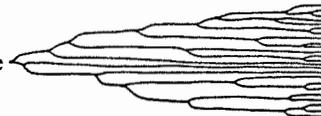
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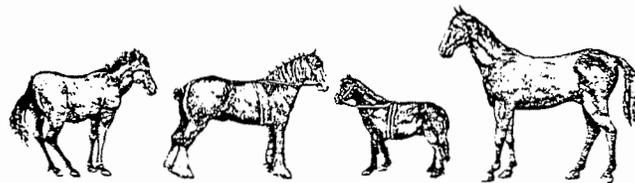
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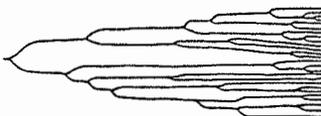
The first horse



Horse-kind



The first frog



Frog-kind



Much variation (many varieties of dogs, etc.),
but dogs never change into horses!

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It should be noted that in the fossil record all the basic "KINDS" of animals have been found. Never are transitional forms found. Never do we find evidence of one "kind" of animal gradually changing into another "kind." The missing links that Darwin hoped would eventually be found are still missing.

Contradiction #13

Evolution teaches that all life evolved slowly and gradually over a period of millions of years. Genesis chapter 1 teaches that all life appeared suddenly and instantly over a period of four days (beginning on Day 3 with plant life and ending on Day 6 with land animals and man).

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Should We Believe What Genesis Chapter 1 Says?

"Thy Word is true from the beginning" (Psalm 119:60).

"Thy Word is truth" (John 17:17).

The Lord Jesus Christ Himself, the Son of God, authenticated the Genesis record. He pointed very clearly to the historical accuracy of the Bible, including Genesis chapters 1 and 2. Here is what the world's greatest Authority said: "Have ye not read that He who made them at the beginning, made them male and female (*this is a reference to Genesis chapter 1*); and said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother and shall cleave to his wife, and they two shall be one flesh (*this is a reference to Genesis chapter 2*)" (**Matthew 19:4-5**). The Lord Jesus Christ was not an evolutionist, He was a creationist. Indeed, He Himself was the Creator (see John 1:3; Col. 1:16-17; Heb. 1:2; Eph. 3:9).

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