

Examining the Cosmos

Session 8

Creation Day 6

Recommended Reading

Fazale Rana and Hugh Ross, *Who Was Adam?: A Creation Model Approach to the Origin of Man*(NAV PRESS, 2005)

In class Video: The Journey of Man

Researchers have observed some limited speciation in the plant kingdom, virtually none is observed among animals.

According to the fossil record, more and more species of life came into existence from the Cambrian explosion, 543 million years ago, until the appearance of humans about 50,000 years ago: roughly a half billion of new species came on Earth's scene. These figures imply that, on average, one new species appeared every year. However, since the appearance of humans, not one new animal species has come into existence.

As Paul and Anne Ehrlich in their book "Extinctions" remind us that no documentation yet exists for the production of a new animal species. No biologist has reported seeing the entire sequence of one animal species transforming into two or more.

This lack of any clear evidence for human era animal speciation is a real problem for Darwinian evolutionists, since during the same period animal extinction has grown enormously. The number of species going extinct has remained high while the number of new species is ZERO. Currently the extinction rate is estimated at one species per day to as high as five species per hour.

All evolutionary models demand that the speciation rate balance the extinction rate. The imbalance between speciation today and speciation in the fossil record cannot be explained by radically different natural conditions. The conditions are known, and they are not significantly different.

What is different is God's activity. The Bible declares that since God created Eve He has ceased from His work of creating new life forms.

We now have a reversal in the direction of biological evolution. Prior to the appearance of humans; life on Earth was becoming progressively complex and diverse, since the appearance of humans, life has become less complex and less diverse.

As we read in Psalm 104, it is the property of all life to eventually die off, but the Psalm also says that when life died off, He would replace it, Psalm 104, 29,30.

The RTB creation model agrees with what we see: speciation is abundant before the advent of humanity; this was the era during which God supernaturally created large numbers of new phyla, families, orders, genre and species.

To the skeptics we can say, look at the historical record: new species came prior to humans, died and others were created by God: now no new species. The imbalance refutes the Darwinian requirement of balance of speciation rate.

Transitional Forms

We do not find transitional forms in nature, only always fully functional species.

Micro evolution can occur via breeding selection; however this also has it limits. It is known that if we let a breed “go wild” it will return to its original form.

Natural process' to form new species just do not exist. What we see in real time is that natural speciation occurs only within those species with hugh populations, short generation times, and large families. High populations we mean about a quadrillion or more, in short generations we mean about three months or less. Examples would be Viruses and bacteria.

Our God uses an optimal design over and over again; a single Creator causes a single template to create new species

The Earth has made many drastic changes over the past 3.8 billion years: the sun getting brighter, tectonic plate movements, rotational changes in the earth, from 6 hour days to 24 hour days has caused a major shift in wind velocity. There have been at least six major extinction-replacement events.

Species lived and died, new species had to be supernaturally created. Our God did it all.