

## The Giant Panda

**T**HE Giant Panda was unknown in the western world before 1969, when a French missionary working in China saw a Panda's skin, and realised it was from an unknown animal.

These attractive black-and-white mammals live only in eastern Tibet and southwest China. There have been concerns that they may become extinct because many of the bamboo forests they depend on for food have been cut down. There has been some success with breeding pandas in captivity, but they are still an endangered species.



The panda's extra 'thumb'

Pandas eat an enormous amount of bamboo shoots, often spending 16 hours a day eating. Bamboo is tough and difficult to digest, but pandas have extra strong cheek muscles and specially

flattened teeth to chew it, and an extra tough stomach lining to protect it from splinters. They also have unique front paws, with one of the wrist bones elongated into an extra "thumb" which is used to strip the bark from the bamboo shoots. This digit also has special muscles to move it.

**Some evolutionists have rather arrogantly claimed that this special thumb is a poor design and that a Creator would never have made it that way. However, they can't explain how it could have evolved (the fossils show that although pandas were smaller in the past, there has been no evolution). The panda's extra thumb does an excellent job, and is a tool that bears all the marks of design by an intelligent Creator.**



The Giant Panda

Photo by Aaron Sijrila

## THINK FOR YOURSELF

When trying to solve a crime, good detectives carefully assemble evidence before presenting it to a court of law to obtain a verdict. Many people think that scientists work like that, too, but sadly this is often not the case, especially where evolution is concerned. Most secular scientists have already decided to rule out anything supernatural when investigating the origin of life, and their research often reflects this.

It is easy for young people, in particular, to feel intimidated, and discouraged from questioning the "party line" on evolution. Yet true science is all about weighing the evidence before reaching a conclusion. If evolutionists are so sure that their version of the origin of life is true, why are they so afraid to let people consider alternatives? We suggest that the reason has to do with *philosophy*, not science. In an article in *The New York Review* (January 9, 1997) Darwinist Professor Richard Lewontin wrote that, whatever the facts, they could only accept a materialistic (i.e. godless) explanation "for we cannot allow a Divine Foot in the door."



We believe that the evidence points overwhelmingly to the existence of a Creator, and that evolution doesn't stand up to true scientific investigation. But don't take our word for it: think for yourself — check it out. Don't let anyone else tell you what you have to believe. Denying God's existence won't wish Him away, but you have nothing to lose by believing in Him. In fact, to discover that there is a God who loves you, and to believe in His Son, Jesus Christ, is truly liberating. Jesus said, "You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (*John 8: 32*). The Bible tells us that we have all broken God's laws and deserve His judgment, but through the death and resurrection of Jesus you can experience total forgiveness and a living relationship with God. Rather than just allowing "a divine foot in the door," let His love fill your heart and motivate your life. Millions of people have — what about you? Contact us for further help, or see [www.the-real-thing.org.uk](http://www.the-real-thing.org.uk)



### Go on, smile!

Teacher: What is the formula for water?

Student: H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O

Teacher: That's not what I said.

Student: But you told us it was H to O.

Doctor, Doctor, I think I'm a cat.

How long has this been going on?

Oh, since I was a kitten!

Q: What do you get if you cross a pig with a dinosaur?

A: Jurassic Pork!

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I HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT YOU HAVE EXPRESSED DOUBTS ABOUT DARWIN'S THEORY!



**INSIDE: Some facts evolutionists don't want you to know**

Some people live in countries where any criticism of the Government is treated as a crime. This was the case in Nazi Germany and during the communist era in Russia. It is still the case in countries like North Korea and China.

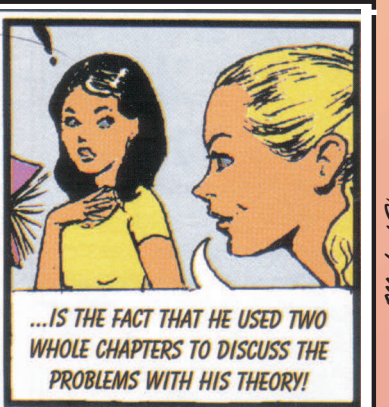
A similar situation exists in many Muslim countries, where people who criticise Islam, or convert to another religion, face arrest and imprisonment, and even torture and death. Those of us who live in democratic countries should value and guard our freedom.

Yet, while we enjoy the freedom to criticise those who govern us, there is a growing intolerance towards anyone who admits to having any doubts



*Charles Darwin recognised there were problems with his theory of evolution, and recommended that people should evaluate "the facts and arguments on both sides of each question." However, many modern evolutionists want to stifle debate.*

about Darwinism and evolution. We may not have secret police to contend with, but we do need to beware of the evolution "thought police". Many evolutionists react angrily and emotionally when anyone dares to dissent, and their main weapon seems to be verbal abuse and intimidation. "Crackpots", "nut-cases", "idiots", "liars", "charlatans", "flat-earthers" — these are just a few of the words used to describe people who dare to oppose evolution. But why won't evolutionists simply engage in honest debate? What are they afraid of?



Glad you're finding Darwin interesting, Gen

So what would you say impresses you most about his book?

Oh, what impresses me most...

...is the fact that he used two whole chapters to discuss the problems with his theory!

Michael Higgins

For more on Darwin and evolution see [www.darwinday.org.uk](http://www.darwinday.org.uk)

## Don't mention it!

### DARWIN DIDN'T SEE EVOLUTION IN THE GALAPAGOS

Charles Darwin visited the Galapagos Islands off South America, where he took careful notes about the Islands' wildlife. He noticed that there were clear differences between the tortoises (left) on different islands, and suggested they had all descended from the same common ancestors. He also thought the different varieties of finches on the islands were related in the same way. He was probably right, but what he observed was natural selection at work, not evolution. The tortoises are still tortoises and the finches still finches, so Darwin was mistaken to suggest that this limited variation meant that all living organisms had evolved from a common ancestor over millions of years. Natural selection is a fact, but neither Darwin nor anyone else has ever observed one kind of animal changing into another, which is what evolution really means.



## Some facts that evolutionists would rather you didn't know about

### THE FOSSIL RECORD DOESN'T SUPPORT EVOLUTION

Many people have been led to believe that the fossil record supports evolution. Yet ever since Darwin's day, evolutionists have known this is not the case, and the gaps in the record provided evidence that plants and animals appeared abruptly. "Why... do we not everywhere see innumerable transitional forms?" asked Darwin, who hoped those "missing links" would eventually turn up. In his 1991 book, 'Beyond Natural Selection', evolutionist Robert Wesson admitted, "The gaps in the record are real, however. The absence of any record of any important branching is quite phenomenal." Sometimes there are claims that a missing link has been found, but further research shows the claims are false, as was the case with archaeopteryx (below). Initially claimed to be a link between reptiles and birds, it is now regarded as 100% bird. The fossils suggest the creation of separate "kinds", with limited variation (see Genesis chapter one), not Darwinian evolution.

Photo: Paul Abramson



### "LIVING FOSSILS" SHOW EVOLUTION DOESN'T HAPPEN



The living horseshoe crab (top) is just the same as the fossil (below), which is claimed to be '500 million' years old.

Evolution is supposed to be a process of ongoing change. Darwin wrote, "We may safely infer that not one living species will transmit its unaltered likeness to a distant futurity." So it may come as a surprise to most people that thousands of living organisms have not changed at all, but are just like fossils which evolutionists claim are many millions of years old.

These "living fossils" include trees, fish, reptiles, mammals and insects. We don't accept the dates given to these fossils, but if they were really that old it would be even more difficult to believe that they could remain unchanged for so long. Darwin was mistaken — no change means no evolution!

### THERE IS NO MECHANISM FOR EVOLUTION

If all living things really evolved from a single-celled organism that lived millions of years ago, there has to be some mechanism to allow this to happen. Charles Darwin believed it was natural selection — small changes which make a plant or animal more likely to survive and have offspring. But natural selection can't create anything new — only variations of what already exists. So evolutionists have proposed that mutations (genetic mistakes) are the mechanism. Experiments were carried out with fast-breeding fruit flies (left), by bombarding them with radiation. Although this did cause some minor changes, they remained fruit flies. Mutations are usually harmful, but even though they sometimes benefit an organism, mutations that add new genetic information have never been observed, and without this evolution simply can't happen.

Photo: Wikipedia



More than 700 scientists\* have signed the following statement: "We are sceptical of claims for the ability of random mutation and natural selection to account for the complexity of life. Careful examination of the evidence for Darwinian theory should be encouraged." The list of signatories includes member scientists from National Academies of Science in Russia, Czech Republic, Hungary, India (Hindustan), Nigeria, Poland, and the United States. Many are professors or researchers at major universities and international research institutions. \*See [www.dissentfromdarwin.org](http://www.dissentfromdarwin.org)

## IN THE NEWS

### APE "EVIDENCE" DOESN'T STAND UP!

Evolutionists claim that our ancestors were ape-like creatures that swung in the trees. Until recently the theory was that they came down from the trees before eventually learning to walk upright. Now, some scientists are claiming that our ancestors could walk upright before they left the trees. They spent a year in Indonesia studying orang-utans, and observed that these apes spend a high proportion of time walking upright in trees. This has led to the theory that the "early common ancestor" of the great apes would have moved similarly through the branches of the forest, and that walking on two legs began before these imaginary ancestors of ours came down to earth. These scientists also suggest that chimps and gorillas must have returned to walking on all fours.



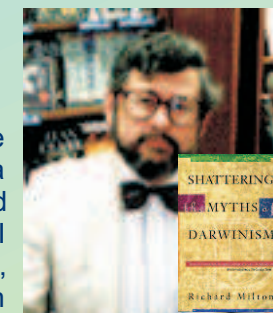
An orangutan in the trees

Actually, this study only proves one thing: that orang-utans often walk upright in the trees! It tells us nothing whatever about human origins, but is based on the *assumption* of evolution, and that a common ancestor existed, even though no trace of such a creature has ever been found.

Unlike apes, which have short legs and long arms designed for knuckle-walking, human beings are designed for upright walking. Our knee joints lock into position when we stand, but when apes walk on two legs their muscles are under constant strain. Humans have arched feet designed for upright posture, and the organs of balance in our inner ears are also designed to enable us to walk upright, unlike that of apes. All the evidence points to humans being unique, creation in God's image, just as the Bible says. This "new evidence" that we evolved from tree-swinging ancestors simply doesn't stand up!

## Daring to Doubt Darwin!

PEOPLE who dare to doubt Darwin in public face strong opposition, and can even lose their jobs. Richard Milton, a British science journalist, is neither a Christian nor a creationist, but after a 20-year study, he came to the conclusion that the so-called "evidences" for evolution were totally unconvincing. "One after another they crumbled as I subjected them to even routine journalistic scrutiny." Milton (right) wrote a book, "Shattering the Myths of Darwinism", which met with a hostile reception from evolutionists. In 1995 the *Times Higher Education Supplement* commissioned him to write an article critical of Darwinism, and promised readers: 'Next Week: Darwinism – Richard Milton goes on the attack'. The article never appeared, because prominent evolutionists put pressure on the editor not to publish it.\*



In 1991, science journalist Forrest Mims was asked by *Scientific American* to take over its most popular column, 'The Amateur Scientist.' Not long afterwards, Mims met the editor, and happened to mention that he wrote articles for a number of magazines, including Christian ones. The editor then asked him: "Do you believe in Darwinian evolution?" and Mims said he did not. Not long afterwards he was dismissed, even though he had never included any criticisms of evolution in his column.



The book they tried to ban because it presented a different view of the Grand Canyon's formation.

In 2003 a book by former Grand Canyon guide Tom Vail went on sale at the Canyon's Visitor Centre. "Grand Canyon: A Different View" presents evidence that the Canyon was formed rapidly by a catastrophic flood, rather than slowly over millions of years. Evolutionists were outraged, and a number of top scientists demanded that the book be removed. The centre subsequently removed copies of the book from the science section and placed them on a separate stand. This made the book, which is full of beautiful colour photographs, more prominent, and it became a best-seller!

There are many other examples of intolerance towards critics of evolution. Are these evolutionists so unsure of their theory that they are scared about what may happen if people learn about its many flaws? They must be challenged!

\*Read the forbidden article at [www.alternativescience.com/darwinism.htm](http://www.alternativescience.com/darwinism.htm)

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