

**Beginnings – ORIGIN** *(Where did we come from?)*

- **Only Two Choices**
- **Realize the Significance**
- **Is it Faith or Science?**
  - LAB - Lookable, Accessible, Breakable
- **Guess at the Evidence**
- **Inspect the Evidence**
  - Universe = "Decay"
  - Age of the Earth = "Can't Say"
  - Origin of Life by Chance = "No Way"
  - Evolution of Species and Man = "Lacks Genes and Tweens"
- **No Compromise**

DON'T - Death, Orders of Creation, Names in genealogies, Ten Commandments refer to seven-day week

**Intent of Life – LIFE** *(Why are we here?)*

- **Love - GOD and MAN**
- **Increase - GROW**
- **Faithfulness - Time, Talent, Treasure**
- **Eternity – Past, Present, Future**

**Authority – POWER** *(Who's in charge?)* A God Who is:

- **Personal and Loving**
- **Omnipotent**
- **Wise and All-Knowing**
- **Everywhere and Eternal**
- **Righteous and Reliable**

**Standards – RULES** *(What are the rules?)* God's rules are:

- **Revealed supernaturally, not derived by reason**
- **Universal and apply to everyone, everywhere, all the time**
- **Loving**
- **Enforced**
- **Steadfast**

## **Fossil Record**

The fossil record has an abundance of evidence from the past. Darwin thought that over time more fossils would be found that confirm his theory. Hundreds of thousands of fossilized life forms have been found all over the world since Darwin's time, and they clearly proclaim .....*that Darwin was wrong*. No living creature has been found that exhibits the characteristics of a transitional form. Within a kind there are variations, but always within the kind. The adaptive ability of animals is always exhibited without changing the basic nature or kind of the animal.

The book Evolution - The Challenge of the Fossil Record by Dr. Duane Gish covers the details of this very well, so I will just present a summary of some highlights:

1. **Complex creatures from the beginning** - The oldest fossil record shows simple single-celled organisms alongside fully formed complex animals such as jellyfish, sea urchins, worms, sponges, and trilobites. The complex animals are just suddenly there in the fossil record - there are no fossils of any transitional forms linking the single-celled with the complex animals.
2. **Insects haven't changed** - The fossils of insects bear an amazing resemblance to living insects today. There are also no transitional forms showing, say, a non-flying insect evolving into a flying insect.
3. **No transition to skeletons** - No fossil evidence can be found to show that an invertebrate animal (without a skeletal structure) evolved into a vertebrate. The physiological differences between vertebrates and invertebrates are significant, so this should have required a long evolutionary process. However, no transitional fossils have been found.
4. **No fish switching to land** - No transitional fossils can be found which show any form of fish changing into a land animal. There is no fossil evidence showing a fin turning into a foot.
5. **No obvious intermediate forms** - There are claims of transitional fossils between amphibians, reptiles, and mammals. Most of the difference between living animals in these classes is found in the soft parts of their bodies, not the hard parts subject to fossilization. Yet even evolutionists admit that there are no transitional forms showing a complete evolutionary sequence for any of the thirty-two orders of mammals. (Gish pg. 78)
6. **No transition to flight** - There is no fossil evidence of transitional forms between non-flying and flying animals. This should have taken millions of years according to evolutionists. Yet there are no fossils showing this transition. As Dr. Gary Parker humorously points out in one of our favorite recorded messages, a land creature trying to transition to flying would have a tough time surviving the interim phases!
7. **No "half-dinosaurs"** - The fossil record of dinosaurs is one of the most widely publicized. These creatures apparently existed, but there are no fossils which show a common ancestry with any other creature. There are also no transitional fossils indicating that any dinosaur ever turned into anything else.

Each kind of creature first appears in the fossil record as a fully-formed, fully-functioning creature.

**There is no fossil evidence of one kind developing from another kind.**