Beginnings – ORIGIN (Where did we come from?)

- Only Two Choices
- Realize the Significance
- Is it Faith or Science?
 - o LAB Lookable, Accessible, Breakable
- **G**uess at the Evidence
- Inspect the Evidence
 - O 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 - \underline{D} eath, \underline{O} rder of Creation, \underline{N} ames in genealogies, \underline{T} en 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

<u>Authority – POWER</u> (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

What Does the Evidence Indicate?

If we're looking for evidence that simple life evolved into more complex life or that one type of life changed into another, we'd have to say that the evidence "LACKS GENES and 'TWEENS" for any natural explanation:

- LACKS GENES There is no viable source of the genetic information.
- **LACKS 'TWEENS** There is no real supporting record of intermediate fossils, of something "in between" two kinds.

Creationist Interpretation

The genetic evidence is consistent with the idea that the incredible complexity of life required intelligent design. The fossil record certainly seems to agree with the theory that God created each kind of animal to remain "after his own kind." At least this theory fits the known facts. The only problem is the supposed age of these fossils (millions of years), and we've already discussed the shaky assumptions of the aging methods.

Evolutionist Interpretation

The information and genetic evidence is a huge hurdle for evolution to overcome, so many evolutionists seem to stay away from this area. The fossil record is a cornerstone of the supposed evidence for evolution, and the evolutionist insists that there were transitional forms - if he didn't believe that he would have to give up on evolution! The evolutionist will sometimes point to environmental adaptation as evidence of evolution, but this has never crossed species lines. Again, the evolutionist must have faith in spite of the evidence, not because of it.

Some evolutionists have even proposed the idea that evolution works in "rapid bursts" (punctuated equilibrium model) which explains the lack of transitional fossils. But what's the suggested proof for this theory? The complete lack of transitional fossils!