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Subject: Intelligent design vs Evolution  
Posted by [shippo](#) on Thu, 03 Mar 2011 04:28:02 GMT  
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Do you believe in evolution or creation by intelligent design, and if so why?

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Posted by [Spoony](#) on Thu, 03 Mar 2011 05:05:20 GMT  
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they aren't necessarily mutually exclusive, but evolution is an accepted scientific theory. it has happened, though there are questions about how.

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Posted by [snpr1101](#) on Thu, 03 Mar 2011 05:27:19 GMT  
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I believe in Intelligent Design because I have faith in Jeebus Chrysler and his Daddy.

My faith is well placed, don't you worry about that. Fuck science, it's a lot easier to claim the world was created then to investigate and discover how the universe came into being from the ground up; so I'm going with that.

Don't forget to give generously at church, for we could not have pastors living in mansions and driving nice cars without your support.

All praise be to the holiest one. Amen. Hallelujah.

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Subject: Re: Intelligent design vs Evolution  
Posted by [GEORGE ZIMMER](#) on Thu, 03 Mar 2011 16:42:09 GMT  
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Spoony wrote on Wed, 02 March 2011 22:05 they aren't necessarily mutually exclusive this

why do they always have to be considered mutually exclusive? why is it so hard to think "hey, maybe we were created by evolution, and there was a lot of skipped time in the Bible... after all, God's sense of time seems to be quite different than ours". But no, religious enthusiasts refuse

progress.

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Subject: Re: Intelligent design vs Evolution  
Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Thu, 03 Mar 2011 18:24:49 GMT  
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What if God created the big bang?

Suddenly everyone is right!

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Subject: Re: Intelligent design vs Evolution  
Posted by [HaTe](#) on Fri, 04 Mar 2011 03:09:10 GMT  
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There's more proof (imo) supporting evolution. In my mind it's sort of like Global warming.....it's an accepted scientific fact (by the majority), yet it still has it's skeptics. Though there are many more people believing in god then that who don't believe in global warming...but the point is the same.

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Posted by [wubwub](#) on Fri, 04 Mar 2011 03:15:12 GMT  
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HAVE YOU EVER SEEN ONE? I THOUGHT NOT! GAME OVER, YOUR DINOSAUR "THEORY" IS PROVEN WRONG ONCE AGAIN!

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Posted by [Carrierll](#) on Fri, 04 Mar 2011 20:22:47 GMT

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Posted by [Dover](#) on Fri, 04 Mar 2011 21:13:25 GMT

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Every time I think I've become acclimated to the bullshit your spew, you go ahead and raise (lower?) the bar. I guess there's no proof to support the Theory of Gravity either? God damn shit popping fucks, you're stupid. >:[

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I'm glad you brought that up. Let me respond to you by completely ignoring what you said and flying off on some tangent based on pure speculation. After all, just because the invisible purple flying unicorn is invisible, would it not be accurate to assume that it is also purple?

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[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scientific\\_theory](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scientific_theory)

So no, the idea of creationism is not as valid as the theory of evolution. The idea of creationism is unfalsifiable bullshit.

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Right, which is why I second guessed myself when I read what he said about me using the wrong definition of a theory. I then looked up the definition of theory and confirmed what I had thought it to be. That's when I made my second post.

So, yes, I am exemplifying my "wrong" definition of it. Which, apparently, isn't necessarily as "wrong" as you are making it sound. The meaning I put behind the word theory was correct, just not under the context used in this thread.

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Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Sat, 05 Mar 2011 01:35:24 GMT  
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do you realize not a single person wants you to keep posting here? go away

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@WubWub funny commic

So your argument is: A Camera was designed and has a use. The human eye has a use, therefore it was designed.

Do you realize how bad of an argument this is? I would type an accompanying explanation as to why it is bad, yet as Dover pointed out - you either can't comprehend what somebody is saying to you, or just completely skirt the main points or the entire argument itself and give some half-assed reply supporting your PoV.

Who am I kidding, you probably won't even read this.

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Posted by [wubwub](#) on Sat, 05 Mar 2011 16:18:04 GMT  
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When you work out, it creates tiny rips in your muscles that heal over time. When you keep working out, the rips heal over and over again eventually making the muscle bigger to adapt to your lifestyle i.e. working out.

I beleive that with use over long periods of time, you can adapt anything. Wether it takes a couple of weeks or millions of years.

So yes, i beleive in evolution, not this bullshit about design...

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Subject: Re: Intelligent design vs Evolution  
Posted by [Dover](#) on Sat, 05 Mar 2011 21:03:50 GMT  
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So you're entire argument is "But it's so unlikely!?" You said it yourself, natural selection. You don't see the overwhelming odds of failure because most creatures without working eyes would be extinct at their species' formative period. It's not that unlikely at all. It would only take one or two beings with any given trait to pass it on, especially if it's something as undeniably advantageous as having the ability to see.

You know, I bet that if you put some effort into it, you could probably trace the development of the eye through the fossil record. Human knowledge has sort of gotten past the point of "I don't believe it! What are the odds?!"

Basically, even though it might be easier to believe that something was created with a purpose, it doesn't make it any less wrong to believe that. For proof, consider that the eye took eons to reach the state that it is in now, and if it were designed with purpose it would be much more efficient to do it all at once rather than leave the designer's work to the whims of fate. There are too many risks for an intelligent designer to take; A lucky predator or natural disaster at the wrong moment.

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Posted by [Nukelt15](#) on Sat, 05 Mar 2011 21:47:28 GMT  
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Eyes evolved from much more primitive light sensing organs, which many simpler organisms still have because their other senses are adequate to their purposes... whereas the creatures we evolved from came to rely more on what became eyes.

Proof of evolution is all over the human body- our tailbone (which very rarely manifests as a vestigial tail), body hair, and... can I get a drumroll here?

...nipples.

Why nipples? I'm not talking about male nipples here; those are leftovers from the womb when the fetus becomes one sex instead of the other (or in some very rare cases both or neither). What I'm talking about are vestigial nipples... a second or even a third set located below the proper nipples on the torso. They manifest as little spots, and are sometimes mistaken for warts or moles... not

everybody even has them.

These are an evolutionary atavism- something left over from a much earlier creature that did, in fact, have more than two nipples. They constitute evidence of common ancestry with other mammals such as dogs, cats, cows, etc.

And here you thought there was no way to pass looking at nipples off as science.

Earth has been around for a stupendously long time. There has been life on Earth for a stupendously long time. Human life spans are measured in decades; we do not find it easy to comprehend the concept of billions of years and we do not have the ability to observe the changes in our world beyond our own lifetime. Evolution sounds inconceivably crazy because you've failed to take into account just how much time life has had to evolve.

Most mutations are dead ends. The creatures that receive them are either shunned by others of their species or weakened in some way and their genes are never passed on. However, statistical probability guarantees that some mutations will be passed on... so much time passes for so many generations of so many different organisms and you're bound to see significant, noticeable changes. That's evolution.

We are the product of millions upon millions, possibly even billions of generations starting with a single cell and culminating in what we are today. Not one feature of our bodies just suddenly popped in one generation and stuck around. The slightest of changes, even a single cell's difference at a time, over so much time- first a simple organ to sense the presence of light. Next the ability to determine which direction the light is coming from. Then the ability to sense changes in light intensity. Then simple pattern recognition, resulting in the ability to recognize shapes. Then color recognition, beginning with black and white and ultimately including the entire spectrum... perhaps another few hundred thousand generations or so will yield the ability to see infrared and ultraviolet light.

Tiny little changes add up.

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Posted by [shippo](#) on Sun, 06 Mar 2011 15:23:39 GMT

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Dover wrote on Sat, 05 March 2011 14:03

So you're entire argument is "But it's so unlikely!"?

That's part of it, but mainly that there are quite a few pieces that must be there all at the same time for it to work, but any one or two piece can't evolve just by its self due to the fact that there must be a valid purpose for it to be there.

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I could go with that. I think it was R315r4z0r, made a good comment earlier in the thread saying that there is no real definitive proof for either side. However on the same note I don't believe it wise to teach the Theory of evolution as 100% fact and then say all other ideas or theories are false.

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Posted by [Herr Surth](#) on Sun, 06 Mar 2011 15:29:37 GMT  
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<http://rationalwiki.org/wiki/Microevolution>

oh you

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I actually think that a 'designer' being a troll is extremely likely, given some of the things it has supposedly commanded people to do, and has done itself.

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Not necessarily simplest, but with thoughtfulness. Having random shit that serves no purpose (Four nerves, just cuz) cobbled together is not intelligent.

You could say that the designer operates on a level of intelligence far beyond our understanding ("God moves in mysterious ways", or whatever), but that's a pretty big supposition without any evidence to support it. To that, you could say it's all a matter of faith. But that's not what the Intelligent Design idea is all about (I almost called it a theory, but that would confuse poor R3)

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I'm not sure I understand the distinction between the two. How are they different if the process is the exact same? Are you saying evolution is only possible within a species, so one breed of dog evolving into another is okay, but a dog evolving into a wolf is not? I don't see your reasoning for putting arbitrary boundaries on a process you apparently agree with. I can drive from home to the store, I can drive from the store to the edge of the city. From the edge of the city I can drive out of town, and from there I can get to San Francisco. The same process that takes me one step can take me the entire way, given enough time. In your mind, why is evolution any different? So if you agree a bird can evolve a different beak to get its food better, wouldn't it make sense that it could also later have a change in wingspan to adapt to new air currents or something, and then grow thicker feathers to adapt in a change in climate, and then adapt new feet for a better kind of tree to nest in? How many of these changes can it take before it goes too far and becomes "macroevolution"?

Your shit just doesn't make any sense. At all.

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Posted by [Starbuzz](#) on Mon, 07 Mar 2011 01:37:36 GMT  
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It's amusing (and sad) to see Christianity hijack the ID movement in the U.S. The question raised is a very valid one; but from what I see, Christian intrusion and claims by theists that the designer is the "Christian God" (are they out of their minds?) have reduced the entire ID movement to a lame laughingstock. The only people worth talking about Intelligence Design is to agnostics who suspect intelligence interference and are able to accept without compromise both "god" AND "alien civilizations" pending identification.

Otherwise, your average ID advocate (such as OP, sorry mate) are Christian intruders into the Intelligence Design movement who have subverted a beautiful question of human curiosity as to our origins and tarnished it with the dark cloak of a vicious man-made religion.

The original question itself is a dead-end. ID advocates and creationists (huge difference) always reach such dead-ends with the question. And then what? OK, you "believe" we are intelligently designed! Great w00t! You win! Awesome now what? Need a cookie naow?

In all seriousness, what will be your next step? So you are convinced and/or managed to convince others we are intelligently designed. So what's next? What is next? Are you seeing the massive void I am seeing? Or are you completely oblivious to it? Where will you go next from then? What's your next progressive step to get confirmation? And most importantly, how will you deal with the consequences? Please spell it out in writing.

I would wager the next step is to gather as much rationale for the claims...all of which revolve around missing DNA and advanced cellular engineering. Fair enough. And then what? What about the big important questions that would need to be asked?

Who made us then? (citing current gods won't do, what about Ancient Astronauts? Imagine humans going to another planet and dropping off a batch of young humans and cutting off contact. And we show up decades later to find them; what response will we get? Hopefully not a arrow or rock in the head.)

Why exactly did they make us? (to have fun? to mine gold? to kiss their ass to their satisfaction?)

What were their original intentions for their actions? (largescale planetary life experimentation?)

What were their moral standards compared to our own? (considering how barbaric morals were in the past, I would say the moral standard of any Intelligent Designer was shit plus I will add in incompetency and poor forecasting).

What were their expectations for life on earth? (that their creation become powerful enough to kick their asses?)

What was the entire point of them terra-forming Earth (lol) in the first place and engineering life upon it? (were they playing with life?)

Pretty sure many haven't asked themselves these questions; and I am missing many more. Being atheist, I found, is a much more advantageous position to be when in the receiving end of these questions as you don't assume anything. Secondly, atheism (or the humanist stance) prepares us to better defend humanity and our interests to take care of our own.

From what we cleanly gleaned from our recorded history, we used to be barbarians (we still are). Whatever made us, gave no thought about our well-being, loaded us up with shitty morals, ghastly irresponsibility, and in many cases, have exhibited ruthless genocidal tendencies. And if we consider several ancient texts (and take them literally) dating back to ancient Sumer, the so called "gods" used humans to fuel conflict in blatant power-mongerism and pure bloodlust. They were shit and if they showed up again in orbit, need to be killed on sight.



That being said, we are a thousands times better off now than we were then. Firstly, we can think for ourselves, we have a far wider knowledge of our place in the observable Universe, our advanced transportation and communication advances has closely knit our species together that despite our nationalist-tribe-like differences, the potential for a future human unification is now a possibility. Our morals are so much more advanced now and outright superior to what any ancient texts state. And this can only get better. We have come a long way and a good future awaits us as we have realized how vulnerable we are on this planet. Our conscious has expanded and we are a species that no doubt has the stars as our future destinations.

In addition, we have thousands of years of history on this planet. We have made great strides in our journey of self-discovery. We have, firstly, beaten a billion odds of survival by surviving countless natural catastrophes and massive diseases. Of every shit that came flinging our way, we have survived so far despite taking huge losses to both natural disasters and man-made folly. We have learned about the Universe and about ourselves more. We have studied our own bodies quiet well and out of our own ingenuity have increased lifespans and have made life so much easier for ourselves through medicine. We deserve every pat in the back for our accomplishments and we should be extremely proud of accomplishing all these despite the great odds against us when compared to the dangerous brutish lives of our earliest of ancestors.

While we still have barbaric differences and are divided and have plenty of in-fighting, driven by greed and a tyrant infallible thirst for power, we also generally have a self-worth that we ourselves gained all by our own work. We increased our collective "value" as a species and set a standard for life. As such, anything or anyone trying to come in and change shit up and treat us again like slaves just cos they can claim they made us will get a ass kicking war. It's a question of incredible dimensions to our existence; the creationists and ID folks better think about what exactly they are wishing for.

That's the amazing beauty of evolution. It allows for life to flourish where ever the ingredients are present and it also, much to our excitement, adds the unknown factor of our early days; did advanced alien civilizations visit and tamper with Earth and life? As for spirit entities from other dimensions, well we don't know jackshit about them; it's a queer Universe.

Ofcourse, this entire retarded mental exercise wasn't necessary if some of us here have made an effort to understand evolution further.

Finally, someone please tell me why we are obligated to take a stand on this issue? We are still making discoveries, no? Why are we then asked to belong to a group? It comes down to egotism and bandwagons. People want to be right rather than being wrong; this attitude hurts us so much as we get nowhere to the truth. Ordinary folks as ourselves can bicker all we want; atleast the scientific community that drives our quest for discovery are relentless in the pursuit of truth.

We don't have anything to lose by staying vigilant for the answer instead of prematurely jumping to take a side in a divisive debate.

Thousands of years have past since the last time any of those "Ancient Astronauts" (if you choose to give them some credibility) would have appeared and the dumb ancient humans adopted the cargo cult approach. Or we have evolved and have developed our ideas accordingly (most likely);

thousands of religions have come and gone. The leading religion today is embarrassingly changing its own lines because of how ridiculous its dogmatic claims are starting to sound (lol), and it's apparent all of them are wrong. So despite our difference of opinions and stance, we really have only one choice: to find the answer and confirm it and then deal with the consequences of the truth without sacrificing our dignity and self-worth we have earned thru thousands of years of cumulative hard work spanning countless generations.

In a related note, this is why I can never see myself leaving atheism and becoming agnostic cos it will get me absolutely nowhere and I already tried that approach before.

Here's some fun: Can you imagine if the ID folks were right? That some aliens did create us and that the aliens turned out to be highly advanced but downright murderous like the Predators? Being right won't matter for shit then. So I will repeat, be careful what you wish for.

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Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Mon, 07 Mar 2011 01:51:49 GMT  
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that's extremely disappointing. Years back, I began thinking ID was a seperate group in America that were independent of religion and were approaching the idea from a secular POV. I was Christian at the time but I found it really interesting because it allowed for multiple possibilities for



gods/aliens but most importantly a chance that people of other religions were also right and not simply damned to hell for not being Christian.

I had always felt there were way too much Christian involvement in ID that I felt shouldn't really belong in a secular movement (especially after Ben Stein expelled his rotten crap...pun intended). Sorry to hear that though.

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Subject: Re: Intelligent design vs Evolution  
Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Mon, 07 Mar 2011 04:50:58 GMT  
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So far, everyone I've met who espouses Intelligent Design wears their religion on their sleeve.

From Wikipedia:

Quote: Intelligent design was developed by a group of American creationists who revised their argument in the creation–evolution controversy to circumvent court rulings such as the United States Supreme Court *Edwards v. Aguillard* ruling, which barred the teaching of "creation science" in public schools as breaching the separation of church and state.

Really, ID is a cynical attempt to get Creationism back into the schools, by trying to portray it as a science.

Aside from its religious overtones, design cannot really be 'intelligent,' as many evolutions are merely due to chance. If it were truly 'intelligent,' humans likely wouldn't have their innate, undesirable tendencies.

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Posted by [liquidv2](#) on Mon, 07 Mar 2011 05:50:13 GMT  
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I don't think it does in the least. What do we have to lose (and gain) when it is indeed a "God?" Which "God" do you mean by that? How do you know who that is? If you see "God" as an ambiguous benevolent being that actually cares for humanity, he/she/it has to realize that by hiding, it is not helping humans find the truth. Unless ofcourse you want me to take a leap of faith and make the assumption. The statement holds within the framework of all rational evidence we have now; for a deity to expect anything more isn't fair.

Compared to the Predators though, if a spiritual force shows up, well, we don't have a chance do we? It still raises the same exact questions.

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Subject: Re: Intelligent design vs Evolution  
Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Mon, 07 Mar 2011 17:22:49 GMT  
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Aliens planting humans is just as far detached from scientific evidence as the world being 5000 years old.

We have a much better understanding of our planet's history than of the universe's, so don't you feel silly when giving a definite answer on a force that goes beyond the universe, while at the same time going off on weird, long alien planting tangents?

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Posted by [Starbuzz](#) on Mon, 07 Mar 2011 18:33:05 GMT  
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I don't believe any of it, ofcourse. That's why I included this bit before:

Starbuzz wrote on Sun, 06 March 2011 18:37Ofcourse, this entire retarded mental exercise wasn't necessary if some of us here have made an effort to understand evolution further.

Eitherway, I am confused as to who among us two is giving a definite answer on the "force that goes beyond the universe?" As for such a force existing as you imply, are you sure you aren't plugging the unknown gaps with "God?"

Honestly, I don't even see a reason to give myself the benefit of the doubt. There are far too many things that we depend on based on pure chance; our survival is outstandingly dependent on the whims of the Universe that I fail to see where the involvement of any super being fits in.

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Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Mon, 07 Mar 2011 19:02:32 GMT  
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What's retarded is writing an essay about it, since it doesn't help your point vis-a-vis deism.

I have no idea what you're trying to tell me with the rest of your post.

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Posted by [Starbuzz](#) on Mon, 07 Mar 2011 19:45:56 GMT  
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The mental exercise was pointless given the lack of facts supporting aliens. However, I raised some questions that are appropriate, i.e, what will it make us humans if it was found there was a designer? What position will we be in? If there is a "God" then who are we? slaves? equals?

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I was replying to this:

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Posted by [shippo](#) on Tue, 08 Mar 2011 00:16:47 GMT  
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Dover wrote on Sun, 06 March 2011 16:39I'm not sure I understand the distinction between the two. How are they different if the process is the exact same? Are you saying evolution is only possible within a species, so one breed of dog evolving into another is okay, but a dog evolving into a wolf is not? I don't see your reasoning for putting arbitrary boundaries on a process you apparently agree with. I can drive from home to the store, I can drive from the store to the edge of

the city. From the edge of the city I can drive out of town, and from there I can get to San Francisco. The same process that takes me one step can take me the entire way, given enough time. In your mind, why is evolution any different? So if you agree a bird can evolve a different beak to get its food better, wouldn't it make sense that it could also later have a change in wingspan to adapt to new air currents or something, and then grow thicker feathers to adapt in a change in climate, and then adapt new feet for a better kind of tree to nest in? How many of these changes can it take before it goes too far and becomes "macroevolution"?

Your shit just doesn't make any sense. At all.

A wolf is the same specie as a dog, they can interbreed.

According to Genetics the animal changes certain features based on what genes it already has not a brand new one.

With the example of the bird, the bird has both a gene for a small beak and a large beak. Let's say the large beak is a dominant gene and the small beak recessive. Now, if for some reason in the environment the birds with small beaks can get to food better, those birds will survive and pass on the recessive gene. The other birds with the dominant gene will die out. The only gene then seen here would be the small beak gene. However no new gene was created.

To get a new gene, a gene must get mutated by either transcription errors or by some sort of viral infection. The statistic for transcription errors is 10-100 million the majority being harmful or non effective. Is it plausible to get a "good" mutation, yes but this takes more faith in my opinion than "creationism"

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Posted by [GEORGE ZIMMER](#) on Tue, 08 Mar 2011 00:45:00 GMT  
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I don't think you understand what the word "species" means. There are plenty of animals that can interbreed. In most cases all it means is that they have the same number of chromosomes and share a (relatively) recent common ancestry.

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Posted by [shippo](#) on Tue, 08 Mar 2011 04:57:35 GMT

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<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Species> specie in most cases = the interbreeding and production of fertil offspring

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Well I will have to admit that one statistics is not one of my best subjects

still though awful long time.

I would like to ask one question, (know this one is kinda a sore topic) if we did evolve why is it that we have not found many "missing links"? 99% of fossils are of completed animals with no transitions. shouldn't we find more that are inbetween, so to speak?

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Posted by [Spoony](#) on Tue, 08 Mar 2011 08:11:15 GMT  
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at least you accept that we've found some, which is more than most proponents of creationism dare to admit.

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Subject: Re: Intelligent design vs Evolution  
Posted by [Altzan](#) on Tue, 08 Mar 2011 14:53:18 GMT  
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If that's what they really are, I wonder why we haven't found more than just "some". You'd think there would be more of fossils in transition than fossils that aren't, yet that ratio is reversed to the extreme.

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The fossil record isn't complete. It is always wrongly assumed (by creationists) that the fossil record we have now is the ultimate complete chain showcasing all life; it isn't. We are missing out on thousands (in the 6 digits most probably) of species that missed being in the fossil record because fossils don't form all the time; only in the best circumstances and only if the lifeform being preserved is suited for being fossilized. For example; a turtle has a much better chance of being fossilized upon death than a butterfly due to the strong structure of the turtle's body.

And so with such a broken fossil record, we are extremely fortunate to have even "some" transitional creatures; there are actually quite a wealth of transitional lifeforms. The ratio isn't reversed to the extreme, it is perfectly even given the circumstances.

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<http://creationmuseum.org/>

Quote: Children play and dinosaurs roam near Eden's Rivers.

I hope the dinosaurs weren't carnivorous.

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Posted by [Altzan](#) on Tue, 08 Mar 2011 16:40:36 GMT  
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Starbuzz wrote on Tue, 08 March 2011 08:21 <http://creationmuseum.org/>

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Perfect time to re-post this:

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Nah. We call it a museum because they call it a museum.

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Posted by [Jerad2142](#) on Fri, 01 Apr 2011 02:53:20 GMT  
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I'll believe which ever theory can explain where either:

- A. God(s) came from
- B. All the matter from the big bang came from (and before that, and before that, etc).

Until that point, all the theories have matter coming out of nowhere at some point which is far to "magical" for my liking.

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A Universe from Nothing by Lawrence Krauss

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Spoony wrote on Fri, 01 April 2011 05:07A Universe from Nothing by Lawrence Krauss

Where did the dark energy/dark matter come from? ((Sorry might have missed it, had to kind of

skip though it quick because I've got a class coming up soon)).

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