

Butterfly Flies in the Face of Evolution

Evolutionists claim that a population of butterflies has “evolved” in a flash on a South Pacific island to fend off a deadly parasite. The proportion of male Blue Moon butterflies dropped to a precarious one percent as the parasite targeted males. Then, within the span of a mere 10 generations, the males “evolved” an immunity that allowed their population share to soar to nearly forty percent—all in less than a year.

“We usually think of natural selection as acting slowly, over hundreds or thousands of years,” said study team member Gregory Hurst, an evolutionary geneticist at the University College London. “But the example in this study happened in a blink of the eye, in terms of evolutionary time.”

The scientists think the males developed genes that hold a male-killing microbial parasite, called *Wolbachia*, at bay. Did the bacteria vanish? No, it hadn't. *Wolbachia* was still present in the female butterflies. Other lab experiments indicated the males had “evolved” suppressor genes to shield against the parasite. [Quotes added for emphasis- Ed.]

The results illustrate the power of positive natural selection on “suppressor” genes that thwart the lethal bacteria, allowing the male butterflies to bounce back. Article adapted from www.livescience.com/animals/070712_butterfly_evo.html

Editor's Note: (1) The article begins by stating that evolution “took place in a flash.” This is not evolution; it is adaptation. Evolution properly understood is “changes over long periods of time.” Also, this is variation within a kind/species not evolution. It is misleading to call this kind of “change” evolution. (2) Natural selection is not evolution either and it does not have to take long periods of time to occur. (3) Genes with specialized information do not develop; this information had to already be in the DNA of the butterflies. All it needed was to be “turned on.” Animals genes can turn on and off when the environment changes. Rabbits can turn on white

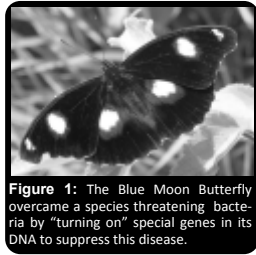


Figure 1: The Blue Moon Butterfly overcame a species threatening bacteria by “turning on” special genes in its DNA to suppress this disease.

coat genes in the winter, and turn on brown coat genes in the summer. The genetic information is already in place. This is all that has happened with these butterflies. The needed traits within the all ready in place genetic information were triggered due to the need of the organism.

Poll: American Majority Believe in Creation

A recent USA Today/Gallup poll indicates that 66%—two thirds—of Americans believe that “God created human beings pretty much in their present form at one time within the last 10,000 years.” In fact, twice as many stated this fact as “definitely true” compared to those who sided with evolution. (And almost twice the number of respondents declared evolution to be “definitely false”—28%—as those who said the same about creationism: 15%.)

Of course, you wouldn't know of this grassroots support for creationism by listening to the majority of science teachers who instruct America's children.

Evolution is a fact, they say. Science has proven it without doubt, they say. Creation is a religious myth, they declare. Even the courts side with the secular scientists who reject creation—and God—as fables.

Dr. Eugenie Scott, director of the National Center for Science Education, states that her organization's mission is to “keep evolution in the science classroom and ‘scientific creationism’ out.” NCSE routinely rails against scientists and organizations that question the legitimacy of Darwinians' explanation for the origins of the universe. Some would call this intolerant...or even unscientific. Article adapted from ICR's News article, *Gallup Poll: Two Thirds of Americans Believe God Created Them*.

Editor's Note: it is interesting to see that with all of the atheistic, humanistic push over the last 150 years, the majority of every day people can still think and see through the weak ideas of evolution. It takes less “faith” to believe, “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth” than in does in the idea that life came forth by chance processes from non-living matter. And yes, it is both unscientific and intolerant to simply rule out an avenue of exploration simply because one does not like it. It must be remembered that both evolutionism and creationism are “apparatus” of investigation” or philosophical premises based on the world view of the person doing the investigation, both fall outside the realm of observational science.

Why Is a Normal, Literal Interpretation of Genesis Chapters 1-11 Important?

Some Christians think that what we believe about Genesis isn't that important, as long as a person believes in the virgin birth and resurrection of Christ—they see Genesis only as a “side issue.” But we need to look at the bigger picture.

First of all, what is at stake is biblical authority. Does it matter how you read the Word of God? If the Bible clearly states something, like creation in six days, but we say we don't have to believe that, then we have unlocked a door that undermines biblical authority. And if we do this, what's to stop others from pushing that door open through the rest of Scripture, as many have done, and to deny the bodily resurrection of Christ?

Another issue is that, the foundation of the gospel and why Jesus came and died for our sins is dependent on Genesis being literal history. Is this a side issue that we can sweep under the carpet while agreeing to disagree? We suggest that a non-literal understanding of the historical account given in Genesis leads to a slippery slope of compromise in other areas of Christian doctrine. We certainly must stay true to God's Word, and accept it all as written. adapted from an E-mail from AiG.

Greenpeace Builds Noah's Ark.

A “stylized” version of Noah's ark, 13 feet wide by 33 feet long has been built by the ultra-liberal group, Greenpeace at an 8,000 foot elevation on Mt. Ararat in Turkey. This was done to remind people for the need of hmanity to avert another global catastrophe -- global warming. The interesting thing here is that the “majority” of scientists that are concerned by the alleged threat of global warming are not those involved with research on the issue. The whole agenda of the global warming notion is political manipulation of the populace for increased control in day to day life. When thinking through issues one must get information from the scientists that are actually involved in the research, especially from a biblical perspective. The Creator-God has “formed the earth to be inhabited,” Isa. 55:18, therefore nothing man will do in his egotistical hubris will knock the earth off of its eccological balance -- the Creator was not near sighted as the global-warming crowd insinuates!

Source: www.greenpeace.org/usa/news/noah-s-ark



Figure 2: The Greenpeace Ark on Mt. Ararat, in Turkey was built to warn humanity of impending peril over global warming.

Evidence is Evidence

One key to the creation-evolution issue is understanding that creationists do not have any evidence or scientific data that is different than the evolutionist. Both use the same evidence. “Then why is there contention?” one might ask. Contention and disagreement is over how the evidence or scientific data is INTERPRETED. The interpretations of the data spring forth from the biases that the individual holds, and these biases are anchored to the person's own worldview (How he or she understands and processes information received). The worldview of the evolutionist is governed by “naturalism,” which is, the universe and everything in it has come about by chance processes over very long periods of time and that through these long epochs, life came to be and evolved into the organisms we see today. Therefore, the evolutionist automatically processes observed data in that framework. The Creationist, who believes the Bible normally, is governed by the fact that God created everything in six, normal 24 hour days. And, that living animals were brought forth on days five and six, with man being the last of God's creations. Therefore, the creationist interpretes the same data within this biblical framework, and this is where the contention arises.

Is Evolution really needed?

Avraham Sonenthal writes in a publication, *The Scientist*: “No product, discovery, medical procedure, or advance has come out of evolutionary theory. . . . No major corporation has a ‘Department of Evolution’ because scientists who have to produce results don't use it.

“In fact, I would like to challenge the readership of this publication [*The Scientist*] to come up with one practical application of biology that would have been impossible were it not for the hypothesis of evolution.

“In the meantime, I think that scientists should leave the important questions, such as what is the meaning of life and is there a God, to religion, which knows how to answer such questions, and stick to what they know how to do, such as breeding insect resistant corn or curing cancer.” -- Amen! Editor. Adapted from *Creation magazine*.

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