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Responses to Darwinism in the classroom. Almost every middle school and high school student is required to study evolution two or three times. The science textbooks used in most public schools teach that Darwin's theory of evolution is basically correct and should be

accepted without question. This pamphlet, *Answers to Evolution*, is based on actual California public school biology textbooks. The pamphlet answers each argument point by point. Written for youth in a clear, concise way, it is excellent for students to use when writing science reports and papers. Teach your youth group ways to respectfully point out errors in Darwinism. Give them dozens of quotes from respected scientists to prove their points. Help them to see that adaptations in birds' beaks and moths' wing colors do not prove that evolution is a fact. Biology has entered an era in which interdisciplinary cooperation is at an all-time high, practical applications follow basic discoveries more quickly than ever before, and new technologies—recombinant DNA, scanning tunneling microscopes, and more—are revolutionizing the way science is conducted. The potential for scientific breakthroughs with significant implications for society has never been greater. *Opportunities in Biology* reports on the state of the new biology, taking a detailed look at the disciplines of biology; examining the advances made in medicine, agriculture, and other fields; and pointing out promising research opportunities. Authored by an expert panel representing a variety of viewpoints, this volume also offers recommendations on how to meet the infrastructure needs—for funding, effective information systems, and other support—of future biology research. Exploring what has been accomplished and what is on the horizon, *Opportunities in Biology* is an indispensable resource for students, teachers, and researchers in all subdisciplines of biology as well as for research administrators and those in funding agencies. In this book you will learn about the origins of life, which has been a popular topic of debate for decades, stirring division among groups of people regarding what to believe, whether a higher entity created life (Creation) or a series of cosmic accidents (evolution) led to life developing on earth. I have spent nearly eighteen months researching in order to find the seemingly

elusive answers to the questions involving our very origins: Where do we come from? Who or what made us a supreme being, some cosmic event, or both? What should we believe in: Creation or evolution? Does it matter what we choose to believe? I have selected thirty most often asked questions on this subject matter and have attempted to answer them by looking at both sides of the argument on creation and evolution fairly and scientifically and without taking sides.

Evolution: Components and Mechanisms introduces the many recent discoveries and insights that have added to the discipline of organic evolution, and combines them with the key topics needed to gain a fundamental understanding of the mechanisms of evolution. Each chapter covers an important topic or factor pertinent to a modern understanding of evolutionary theory, allowing easy access to particular topics for either study or review. Many chapters are cross-referenced. Modern evolutionary theory has expanded significantly within only the past two to three decades. In recent times the definition of a gene has evolved, the definition of organic evolution itself is in need of some modification, the number of known mechanisms of evolutionary change has increased dramatically, and the emphasis placed on opportunity and contingency has increased. This book synthesizes these changes and presents many of the novel topics in evolutionary theory in an accessible and thorough format. This book is an ideal, up-to-date resource for biologists, geneticists, evolutionary biologists, developmental biologists, and researchers in, as well as students and academics in these areas and professional scientists in many subfields of biology. Discusses many of the mechanisms responsible for evolutionary change Includes an appendix that provides a brief synopsis of these mechanisms with most discussed in greater detail in respective chapters Aids readers in their organization and understanding of the material by addressing the basic concepts and topics surrounding organic evolution Covers some topics not typically addressed, such as

opportunity, contingency, symbiosis, and progress Christians live in a culture with more questions than ever - questions that affect one's acceptance of the Bible as authoritative and trustworthy. Now, discover easy-to-understand answers that reach core truths of the Christian faith and apply the biblical worldview to a wide variety of subjects. For all the discussion in the media about creationism and 'Intelligent Design', virtually nothing has been said about the evidence in question - the evidence for evolution by natural selection. Yet, as this succinct and important book shows, that evidence is vast, varied, and magnificent, and drawn from many disparate fields of science. The very latest research is uncovering a stream of evidence revealing evolution in action - from the actual observation of a species splitting into two, to new fossil discoveries, to the deciphering of the evidence stored in our genome. Why Evolution is True weaves together the many threads of modern work in genetics, palaeontology, geology, molecular biology, anatomy, and development to demonstrate the 'indelible stamp' of the processes first proposed by Darwin. It is a crisp, lucid, and accessible statement that will leave no one with an open mind in any doubt about the truth of evolution. A biography of the English naturalist who, after collecting plants and animals from around the world, postulated the theory of evolution by natural selection. Includes related activities. Rating: Excellent Reviewed by: Eric Jones It's become rather fashionable in literature today for authors to put a new spin on the link between science and religion. As both philosophies continue to collide, spin, and evolve into one another readers have been treated to books like Genome Scientist Francis Collins' "Language of God", which presents religion from a scientific point of view, along with rebuttals like Richard Dawkins' "The God Delusion", but nobody makes an argument quite like Ahamed V.P. Kutty. In his similar exploration of these worlds, Kutty presents evidence in the face of a religious question often overlooked among Christians, Muslims, and

Jewish practitioners. The question is simple: If incest is a sin, and Adam and Eve were the first humans created by God to conceive and populate the earth, then wouldn't their offspring be forced to mate with one another in order to achieve such ends? In essence, has God, or the creators of the Bible and Qur'an, created a situation where humanity must sin to survive? The answer, as always, is not as simple as the question. As the title might have given away, this is a book of scientific research which takes the writings of biblical scripture into account in order to achieve an answer. As such, it assumes that the reader is also religious. But not blindly so, as an overwhelming amount of scientists are turning to religion to solve the questions that they themselves cannot, it is no small readership that Kutty addresses. And his writing is cleverly detailed from both points of view so that ministers of faith will find it just as interesting as those of science. Answering the proposed thesis leads the reader on a journey through many questions that befuddle even the most devout religious followers. Where is the biblical Garden of Eden? How does religion account for the theory of evolution? Who are the real Adam and Eve? Is the Bible meant to be taken literally, or as hyperbole? Walking a middle path between the radical views of both science and religion is bound to offend fringe readers, but I think the majority of us tend to hold a similar middle ground. And for us, Kutty lays an overwhelming amount of evidence at our feet, which take all widely accepted viewpoints regarding the nature of evolution, the Garden of Eden, and the many different versions of Adam and Eve, into account. Often Kutty excludes the verbalized opinion that is so prominent in the works of his contemporaries, allowing the reader to connect the dots for themselves having looked over each textual exhibit. This layout is also helpful for quick reading, reference, and maintaining interest of laymen, like me, since all of these points are categorically organized and labeled. Each chapter begins with a clearly stated paragraph that elaborates on its title, and is often

followed by the listing of evidence which lead the reader to the drawn conclusion. What Kutty is able to do, using this method, is clearly present his case without reducing anything to simple conjecture. Although this method does have a few minor holes since using evidence connecting so many different sources is sometimes thin. For instance, the use of a theory in general relativity to explain how angels of heaven might be able to travel through wormholes to get between Heaven and Earth is, according to Kutty himself, “not readily acceptable but feasible”. In other words, there is only so much that science can explain. However, the research regarding DNA histories which trace ancestry back to an original Adam and Eve, (though admittedly not the Bible’s Adam and Eve) is extremely positive. These many cases often provide a jumping point for those who wish to examine the issues more closely through the inclusion, at the end of each chapter, of a detailed bibliography. “Adam’s Gene and the Mitochondrial Eve” is brilliant. It constructs a dazzling house of carefully implemented Today many school students are shielded from one of the most important concepts in modern science: evolution. In engaging and conversational style, Teaching About Evolution and the Nature of Science provides a well-structured framework for understanding and teaching evolution. Written for teachers, parents, and community officials as well as scientists and educators, this book describes how evolution reveals both the great diversity and similarity among the Earth's organisms; it explores how scientists approach the question of evolution; and it illustrates the nature of science as a way of knowing about the natural world. In addition, the book provides answers to frequently asked questions to help readers understand many of the issues and misconceptions about evolution. The book includes sample activities for teaching about evolution and the nature of science. For example, the book includes activities that investigate fossil footprints and population growth that teachers of science can use to introduce principles of

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qualified to investigate what genetics reveal about origins. **The Origins Puzzle Comes Together** If the science surrounding origins were a puzzle, Darwin would have had fewer than 15% of the pieces to work with when he developed his theory of evolution. We now have a much greater percentage of the pieces because of modern scientific research. As Dr. Jeanson puts the new pieces together, a whole new picture emerges, giving us a testable, predictive model to explain the origin of species. **A New Scientific Revolution Begins** Darwin's theory of evolution may be one of science's "sacred cows," but genetics research is proving it wrong. Changing an entrenched narrative, even if it's wrong, is no easy task. Replacing Darwin asks you to consider the possibility that, based on genetics research, our origins are more easily understood in the context of . . . In the beginning . . . God, with the timeline found in the biblical narrative of Genesis. There is a better answer to the origins debate than what we have been led to believe. Let the revolution begin! About the Author Dr. Nathaniel Jeanson is a scientist and a scholar, trained in one of the most prestigious universities in the world. He earned his B.S. in Molecular Biology and Bioinformatics from the University of Wisconsin-Parkside and his PhD in Cell and Developmental Biology from Harvard University. As an undergraduate, he researched the molecular control of photosynthesis, and his graduate work involved investigating the molecular and physiological control of adult blood stem cells. His findings have been presented at regional and national conferences and have been published in peer-reviewed journals, such as *Blood*, *Nature*, and *Cell*. Since 2009, he has been actively researching the origin of species, both at the Institute for Creation Research and at Answers in Genesis. **Natural Selection (Evolution): Fact or Fiction?** It all started with Darwin. Have you ever wondered what Darwin's *Origin of Species*... really says? Can you come up with logical answers as to why evolution is not fact? Geologist George Schulte provides a careful analysis and logical critique of Darwin's

book, chapter by chapter. Verifiable facts are separated from fantasy and each issue addressed with surprising results. Darwin's Origin of Species...Science or Fantasy? will reveal:

- The glaring lack of scientific evidence for Darwin's theory
- The case of the missing transitional forms
- The crucial differences between natural selection and variation within species
- The evidence that no one 'kind' has ever changed into another 'kind'
- What the geologic record really says
- The grave difficulties with Darwin's theory in his own words

This book will answer questions and settle issues. It is an invaluable resource for students, parents, teachers, and anyone who is interested in separating fact from fiction—the proven from the imagined. “An unforgettable journey through this twisted miracle of evolution we call ‘our body.’” —Spike Carlsen, author of *A Walk Around the Block*

From blurry vision to crooked teeth, ACLs that tear at alarming rates and spines that seem to spend a lifetime falling apart, it's a curious thing that human beings have beaten the odds as a species. After all, we're the only survivors on our branch of the tree of life. The flaws in our makeup raise more than a few questions, and this detailed foray into the many twists and turns of our ancestral past includes no shortage of curiosity and humor to find the answers. Why is it that human mothers have such a life-endangering experience giving birth? Why are there entire medical specialties for teeth and feet? And why is it that human babies can't even hold their heads up, but horses are trotting around minutes after they're born? In this funny, wide-ranging and often surprising book, biologist Alex Bezzarides tells us just where we inherited our adaptable, achy, brilliant bodies in the process of evolution. Were humans created, or did they evolve? This debate continues to rage between science and religion. In *Creation or Evolution?*, author Michael Ebifegah examines these two worldviews within the framework of science.. He examines the constraints of science as an explanatory framework for the origin of species and compares the

contemporary world to a hypothetical world under the influence of evolutionary processes and agency. Additionally, he considers the irrelevance of the earth's age to the creationist/evolutionist controversy. He stresses that knowledge of the intersection between the origin of life and the origin of species is required to establish the latter.. Ebifegah augments the natural selection discussion in light of Fodor and Piattelli-Palmarinis work and addresses sciences limitations in deploying similarity/dissimilarity arguments in the debate about creationism versus evolutionism. Finally, he focuses on the lack of historical evidence to justify an evolutionary worldview. **Creation or Evolution?** discusses how the M-theory and Charles Darwins paradigm of evolution by natural selection are outside the limits of science. Ebifegah shows that we must look beyond the inadequacy of such theories and address the validity of science as the sole avenue of inquiry. Two biologists tackle the unresolved question in the field of evolution: how have living organisms on Earth developed with such variety and complexity? In the 150 years since Darwin, the field of evolutionary biology has left a glaring gap in understanding how animals developed their astounding variety and complexity. The standard answer has been that small genetic mutations accumulate over time to produce wondrous innovations such as eyes and wings. Drawing on cutting-edge research across the spectrum of modern biology, Marc Kirschner and John Gerhart demonstrate how this stock answer is woefully inadequate. Rather they offer an original solution to the longstanding puzzle of how small random genetic change can be converted into complex, useful innovations. In a new theory they call "facilitated variation," Kirschner and Gerhart elevate the individual organism from a passive target of natural selection to a central player in the 3-billion-year history of evolution. In clear, accessible language, the authors invite every reader to contemplate daring new ideas about evolution. By closing the major gap in Darwin's theory Kirschner and Gerhart

also provide a timely scientific rebuttal to modern critics of evolution who champion “intelligent design.” “Makes for informative and enjoyable reading, and the issues the authors raise are worthy of attention.”—American Scientist “Thought-provoking and lucidly written...The Plausibility of Life will help readers understand not just the plausibility of evolution, but its remarkable, inventive powers.”—Sean Carroll, author of *Endless Forms Most Beautiful: The New Science of Evo Devo Studies in the Babi and Baha'i Religions, Volume 12* This is the first and only serious, academic treatment of the subject of evolution in the teachings of the Bahá'í Faith. The authors provide an exhaustive discussion of the historical context of 'Abdu'l-Bahá's remarks on and objections to the Darwinian theories of his time, presenting modern alternatives to contemporary interpretations of his remarks. Keven Brown's essay investigates the religious controversy that has surrounded the subject of evolution, both within Christianity and within Islam, during 'Abdu'l-Bahá's time. He provides a valuable summary of the views of those the Master called "the philosophers of the East." Then, from the perspective of modern science, Eberhard von Kitzing discusses the impact of evolution on the study of biology and suggests that 'Abdu'l-Bahá's teachings have been widely misunderstood. This book will expand and deepen discussion on evolution in the Bahá'í community. It can be a shock in our culture for a Christian to encounter evolutionary biology and conversely for a Darwinian to encounter biblical Christianity. Can a devout Christian with a high view of scripture accept scientific views of evolution? Some proponents of biblical Christianity or Darwinian evolution are quick to claim their incompatibility. However, as strong believers in both Christ and the sciences, we find more harmony than friction between them. If you or someone you care about sees a tension between evolution and Christian faith, we want to help you understand their interaction. This book, written by a biologist, a

pastor/biblical scholar, and a theologian, addresses questions from the gifts of each of their disciplines. We acknowledge the insights and authority of the Bible, explain the science of evolution, explore their mutual relevance, and argue that holding the two together deepens our understanding of the world and its creator. This is Charles Darwin's chronicle of his five-year journey, beginning in 1831, around the world as a naturalist on the H.M.S. Beagle.

"Wagner draws on over fifteen years of research to present the missing piece in Darwin's theory. Using experimental and computational technologies that were heretofore unimagined, he has found that adaptations are not just driven by chance, but by a set of laws that allow nature to discover new molecules and mechanisms in a fraction of the time that random variation would take"--Amazon.com. Don't send your kids off to college without this book, especially if they will be engaged in the sciences or philosophy. *The Design of Science, Evolution, the Environment, and Redemption* will clarify the differences, scientific basis, and logical foundation for the two most dominating and competing worldviews we have adopted in western society nowadays—namely science and religion. After reading this book, you will be able to better understand, articulate, and defend what you believe and why. As a society in general, we need to understand the basis of our morality and culture, and how science and religion each have a role to play. Just a few of the types of questions answered are: Is there really competition and conflict between science and religion? What is the technological and philosophical scope of science? How does our worldview affect the development of morality and virtue, both individually and collectively? Do we really need to be concerned about global environmental changes? Which type of worldview does the best job of providing answers to the tough questions on origin, purpose, environmental issues, morality, government, and eternity? Is a belief in God and the Bible part of the evolutionary process? Written by a

mechanical engineer with more than thirty years of design and R&D experience, *The Design of Science, Evolution, the Environment, and Redemption* lays out in a clear, concise, easy-to-read, and entertaining manner much of the science, logic, and data used by academia and the media to answer life's toughest questions as compared to the biblical Judeo-Christian tradition. This book explores how we can measure the truthfulness, accuracy, and scope of these worldviews and how they can affect us personally, spiritually, and culturally. The answers are logically, spiritually, and technically robust, as well as just plain surprising in many ways. Biodiversity-the genetic variety of life-is an exuberant product of the evolutionary past, a vast human-supportive resource (aesthetic, intellectual, and material) of the present, and a rich legacy to cherish and preserve for the future. Two urgent challenges, and opportunities, for 21st-century science are to gain deeper insights into the evolutionary processes that foster biotic diversity, and to translate that understanding into workable solutions for the regional and global crises that biodiversity currently faces. A grasp of evolutionary principles and processes is important in other societal arenas as well, such as education, medicine, sociology, and other applied fields including agriculture, pharmacology, and biotechnology. The ramifications of evolutionary thought also extend into learned realms traditionally reserved for philosophy and religion. The central goal of the *In the Light of Evolution (ILE)* series is to promote the evolutionary sciences through state-of-the-art colloquia-in the series of Arthur M. Sackler colloquia sponsored by the National Academy of Sciences-and their published proceedings. Each installment explores evolutionary perspectives on a particular biological topic that is scientifically intriguing but also has special relevance to contemporary societal issues or challenges. This tenth and final edition of the *In the Light of Evolution* series focuses on recent developments in phylogeographic research and their relevance

to past accomplishments and future research directions. There are two big problems that science still has not resolved. They are: What are we? Where do we come from? These two questions have troubled people for centuries. 150 years ago, Charles Darwin wrote two books: "On the Origin of Species" and "The Descent of Man, and Selection in Relation to Sex". In these two books, the theory of species evolution was proposed: all species are constantly evolving; the present people and all species are formed through natural selection. The basis of this theory is based on the comparison of biological forms. Now, knowing that all the genetic information of living things is completely determined with DNA, is evolution still correct? Did humanity evolve from apes? This book will answer these questions. Ebifegha shows that scanning through the Scriptures in proper order reveals them to be a compilation of the details of Gods claim on creation, presented in the format of a conventional patent.

(Christian) While Charles Darwin is familiar to so many, Alfred Wallace's contribution to science and especially to the theory of evolution was invaluable. The two traveled the world separately and developed their ideas separately, but Darwin published his theory first. Rather than become enemies, they both worked to promote acceptance of the controversial ideas. Readers will be interested in the biographies of these globetrotting scientists as well as actual quotes that aid in a better understanding of the men and their motivations. How did life evolve on Earth? The answer to this question can help us understand our past and prepare for our future. Although evolution provides credible and reliable answers, polls show that many people turn away from science, seeking other explanations with which they are more comfortable. In the book Science, Evolution, and Creationism, a group of experts assembled by the National Academy of Sciences and the Institute of Medicine explain the fundamental methods of science, document the overwhelming evidence in support of biological evolution, and

evaluate the alternative perspectives offered by advocates of various kinds of creationism, including "intelligent design." The book explores the many fascinating inquiries being pursued that put the science of evolution to work in preventing and treating human disease, developing new agricultural products, and fostering industrial innovations. The book also presents the scientific and legal reasons for not teaching creationist ideas in public school science classes. Mindful of school board battles and recent court decisions, Science, Evolution, and Creationism shows that science and religion should be viewed as different ways of understanding the world rather than as frameworks that are in conflict with each other and that the evidence for evolution can be fully compatible with religious faith. For educators, students, teachers, community leaders, legislators, policy makers, and parents who seek to understand the basis of evolutionary science, this publication will be an essential resource. It was not my intention to come across offensive in writing the chapters of this book (Approx. 19,900 words in length) but to represent the creationist and biblical viewpoint in a straightforward fashion, in regard to its opposition to aspects of evolutionary theory. It is my sincere hope that readers of this book, from either side of the debate regarding Creationism versus the Theory of Evolution, will find inspiration to ponder the points I have offered within its chapters. CHAPTER ONE: Creation Vs Evolution Starting With Common Sense CHAPTER TWO: Age of the Earth and the Origin of Evil CHAPTER THREE: The Importance in Bible Teaching about the Age of the Earth CHAPTER FOUR: Man and Apes Common Ancestry Presented by Some Evolutionists CHAPTER FIVE: Intelligent Design the Ongoing Debate CHAPTER SIX: Seeing Purpose, Order, Meaning and Design in Things that Exist CHAPTER SEVEN: Darwin-Father of Evolution had Profound Doubts about the Theory CHAPTER EIGHT: Fossils Indisputably Revealing Evolutionary Theory, Where are they? CHAPTER NINE:

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A creationist's critique of the evolutionary ideas found in the four most popular biology textbooks used in public schools: [1.] Glencoe science biology : the dynamics of life / Alton Biggs [et al.]. Florida ed. (New York : Glencoe/McGraw Hill, c2006) -- [2.] Biology : exploring life / Neil A. Campbell, Brad Williamson, Robin J. Heyden. Florida teacher's ed. (Upper Saddle River, N.J. : Pearson/Prentice Hall, 2006) -- [3.] Biology / George B. Johnson, Peter H. Raven . Teacher's ed. (Austin, Tex. : Holt, Rinehart, and Winston, c2006) -- [4.] Biology / Kenneth R. Miller, Joseph S. Levine. Teacher's ed. (Upper Saddle River, N.J. : Pearson/Prentice Hall, c2006).

A FINALIST FOR THE PULITZER PRIZE NAMED A BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR BY THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW, SMITHSONIAN, AND WALL STREET JOURNAL

A major reimagining of how evolutionary forces work, revealing how mating preferences—what Darwin termed "the taste for the beautiful"—create the extraordinary range of ornament in the animal world. In the great halls of science, dogma holds that Darwin's theory of natural selection explains every branch on the tree of life: which species thrive, which wither away to extinction, and what features each evolves. But can adaptation by natural selection really account for everything we see in nature? Yale University ornithologist Richard Prum—reviving Darwin's own views—thinks not. Deep in tropical jungles around the world are birds with a dizzying array of appearances and mating displays: Club-winged Manakins who sing with their wings, Great Argus Pheasants who dazzle prospective mates with a four-foot-wide cone of feathers covered in golden 3D spheres, Red-capped Manakins who moonwalk. In thirty years of fieldwork, Prum has seen numerous display traits that seem disconnected from, if not outright contrary

to, selection for individual survival. To explain this, he dusts off Darwin's long-neglected theory of sexual selection in which the act of choosing a mate for purely aesthetic reasons—for the mere pleasure of it—is an independent engine of evolutionary change. Mate choice can drive ornamental traits from the constraints of adaptive evolution, allowing them to grow ever more elaborate. It also sets the stakes for sexual conflict, in which the sexual autonomy of the female evolves in response to male sexual control. Most crucially, this framework provides important insights into the evolution of human sexuality, particularly the ways in which female preferences have changed male bodies, and even maleness itself, through evolutionary time. *The Evolution of Beauty* presents a unique scientific vision for how nature's splendor contributes to a more complete understanding of evolution and of ourselves. Today many school students are shielded from one of the most important concepts in modern science: evolution. In engaging and conversational style, *Teaching About Evolution and the Nature of Science* provides a well-structured framework for understanding and teaching evolution. Written for teachers, parents, and community officials as well as scientists and educators, this book describes how evolution reveals both the great diversity and similarity among the Earth's organisms; it explores how scientists approach the question of evolution; and it illustrates the nature of science as a way of knowing about the natural world. In addition, the book provides answers to frequently asked questions to help readers understand many of the issues and misconceptions about evolution. The book includes sample activities for teaching about evolution and the nature of science. For example, the book includes activities that investigate fossil footprints and population growth that teachers of science can use to introduce principles of evolution. Background information, materials, and step-by-step presentations are provided for each activity. In addition, this volume: Presents the evidence for evolution, including how evolution can be

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course for non-science majors, which for many students is their only college-level science course. As such, this course represents an important opportunity for students to develop the necessary knowledge, tools, and skills to make informed decisions as they continue with their lives. Rather than being mired down with facts and vocabulary, the typical non-science major student needs information presented in a way that is easy to read and understand. Even more importantly, the content should be meaningful. Students do much better when they understand why biology is relevant to their everyday lives. For these reasons, Concepts of Biology is grounded on an evolutionary basis and includes exciting features that highlight careers in the biological sciences and everyday applications of the concepts at hand. We also strive to show the interconnectedness of topics within this extremely broad discipline. In order to meet the needs of today's instructors and students, we maintain the overall organization and coverage found in most syllabi for this course. A strength of Concepts of Biology is that instructors can customize the book, adapting it to the approach that works best in their classroom. Concepts of Biology also includes an innovative art program that incorporates critical thinking and clicker questions to help students understand--and apply--key concepts. Bringing together conceptual obstacles and core concepts of evolutionary theory, this book presents evolution as straightforward and intuitive. Possibly, Charles Darwin and Evolution are in the top scientific names known to everyone who ever attended school in the past century, as famous as Einstein, Isaac Newton or Francis Bacon. But Darwin is the only one who has both an official day of the year dedicated to him, and has won a federal lawsuit declaring evolution to be the official and sole creation theory taught in schools. Evolution is considered such a mighty concept that it is said to be the Unifying Principle for all of biology. Many careers are devoted to, and depend on, evolution. Many hundreds, if not thousands, of books have been written about evolution. The truth

value of the evolution concept is not merely presupposed, it is constantly asserted. And the asseverated inferiority of anyone not fully embracing the proclaimed axiomatic nature of evolution is the emotional coercion to embrace, without question, its validity. If someone might dive deep into the principles and premises of this unification principle, what would rise to the top, especially when compared to the scientific principles of Bacon, Locke, Hume, Popper, Einstein and Feynman? These are the universally accepted principles of Empiricism, which is purposefully designed to eliminate subjective opinion, religious dogma, appeals to authority, fiction/fantasy, and ideology from the pursuit of objective knowledge of the material universe. If objective knowledge is the goal, then empiricism is the answer - the only answer, because objective knowledge can be falsified; subjective knowledge cannot. What empirical, objective knowledge exists which is undoubtedly and incorrigibly valid in its support for evolution, or any of the sub-principles used to scaffold evolutionary claims? Do we find such, or do we find fictions created surrounding fossil finds, those which ironically do not themselves support the claims made surrounding evolution? Only by critical analysis of each individual evolutionary premise and assertion by comparison to the Bacon-Locke-Popper-Feynman principles, and comparison to logical conclusions under the Aristotelian hypothetico-deductive procedures, can the validity of any and all claims made under the aegis of evolution be assessed. That's what happens here.

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