

# **Biggest Challenges to Evolution – General Overview**

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## **Geology/Paleontology/Archaeology**

1. Dinosaurs – Unfossilized dinosaur bone. Dragon legends and depictions all over the world. Too many Missing Links.
2. The Cambrian Explosion – Too many Missing Links. Totally different organisms before and after. No time for evolution.
3. Missing Links – Transitional fossils are just not found. (Maybe more transitional fossils should exist as compared to real fossils.) No transitions for Giraffe, Elephant, Horse, Trilobite, etc.
4. Index Fossils – Coelacanth and Ginkgo Tree were used to date rock layers to millions of years old, but are living today. Often the rock layer dates the fossil. (Circular reasoning)
5. Large Fossils – Different environment back then. Fossils are the same as current animals just bigger then → no evolution over supposed millions of years.
6. Evolution of Feathers – Feathers are very complex. No way could they evolve from reptile scales.
7. Human Ancestors – Many have been proven hoaxes. Many are pieced together by tiny shards, sometimes from separate individuals in separate places. Not solid enough evidence.
8. Rock Layers – Huge worldwide sediment layers rapidly covering the fossils found today. More evidence for flood than slow additions over millions of years (Ex. Consistent, curved layers, injectites, polystrate fossils, etc.)
9. Underwater Ruins – Worldwide examples indicate remnants of advanced costal civilizations built only 4000 years ago during ice age when water levels were lower.
10. Mt St Helens – Observed examples of the effects of a cataclysmic event (Ex. New canyons, rock layers, trees submerged in sediments, etc.)
11. Mass Rapidly Deposited Fossil Beds – Evidence of rapid, flood-like burial (Ex. whole schools of fish, fish eating other fish, unopened clams, position of fossils, etc.)
12. Silt/Salt Deposits – Large, pure layers of salt appear to have chemically come out of flood water vs. evaporative accumulation.
13. Erosion Examples – Worldwide examples of geologic flood erosion. (Ex. Large, water-carved areas; at current erosion rates, the continents would erode in 100 million years???, etc.)
14. Cave Formation and Structure – Many modern examples of cave structures forming rapidly under the right conditions. (Ex. Stalactites under Lincoln Memorial, Tipi Fountain, bat in stalagmite, etc.)
15. Petrification - Under the right conditions, things can quickly turn into rock. (Ex. Petrified Ham, bowler hat, Cowboy leg in boot, etc.)
16. Radiometric Dating – Inaccurate results on things of known age (Ex. Mt. St. Helens, Hawaii, New Zealand, etc.) Dating relies on many assumptions.
17. Ice Age – Evidence for only one ice age; the flood model gives best reasonable explanation for cause of ice age.

## **Biology/Genetics/Anatomy**

18. Irreducible Complexity (Impossibly Complex) – Many examples of complex systems that basically could not evolve slowly. (Ex. Flagellum, eye, blood clotting process, etc.)
19. Symbiotic Relationships – Multiple organisms living dependent on each other for survival. How could they have evolved together? (Ex. Yucca plant/moth, ants/fungi, bees/flowers, etc.)
20. Natural Selection and Microevolution – no evidence of this process leading to macroevolution.
21. Mutations – Most if not all are harmful, and usually lose genetic information rather than gaining it.
22. Homology – Similar body structures are based on function, and thus are not evidence for similar evolutionary ancestry.
23. Junk DNA & Vestigial Organs – Not “evolutionary leftovers,” scientists are finding functions for most “vestigial organs,” and that “junk DNA” is used in coding.
24. Why are there 2 genders? – Since early ancestors are supposed to have been asexual, what was the cause of the change to two genders, and how is it beneficial?
25. Mitochondrial Eve – From genetics, scientists can trace lineages back to a common mother about 6,000 years ago, based on current mutation rates.
26. Pregnancy – How could such a complex process, with so many intricate and detailed steps, have slowly evolved from a simpler one?
27. World Population Studies – Why did civilizations all advance and grow at basically the same time in history?
28. Probability of Abiogenesis – The probability of evolving a protein is practically zero, let alone evolving a simple cell.
29. The Simplest Organism Known – The more you study any organism, the more complex it is. What is the simplest organism alive today? Are simple organisms still evolving? Can we evolve a simple organism?

## **Astronomy/Earth Science**

30. Comets – Comets should burn up within a short amount of time, and there is no evidence of the Oort cloud or the Kuyper belt throwing more comets into our solar system.
31. Creation of the Moon – There are many mathematical and physics problems with the four modern evolutionary explanations.
32. Dust on the Moon – Over billions of years, space dust should accumulate on the moon, and yet very little is found.
33. Our Receding Moon – The moon moves away from the earth about 4 cm. each year, which limits the age of the moon.
34. Finely Tuned Constants of the Universe – In order for the universe to exist, mathematics demands very precise numbers for certain constants. (Ex. Gravitational constant, electromagnetic constant, etc.)
35. Perfect Placement for Life – Everything about the earth is perfect for life. (Ex. Distance from sun, distance to moon, place in the galaxy, etc.)
36. Star and Planetary Formation – No solid explanation or evidence for star formation, as gas particles want to spread out and gravity is a very weak force.
37. Tight Spiral Galaxies – Over billions of years the spiral arms should have flown away from the center. There is no solid evidence for why this would be.
38. Strong Magnetic Fields – Over long periods of time magnetic fields weaken, so earth’s and other magnetic fields should be weaker than they are currently.

39. Red Shift – There may be evidence that this observable phenomenon of moving objects may not be completely reliable.
40. Our Sun – It is the perfect brightness, temperature and age for the earth. How has that changed throughout the history of the earth?
41. Rotation and Revolutions of Moons – As the sun, the planets, and the moon formed, they should all revolve and rotate in the same direction, but there are many that do not.
42. Speed of Light – Has the speed of light changed over history, and how would that affect the universe?
43. Canopy Theory – This could be a possible explanation for why earth's climate was so different in the past, to allow for larger organisms with longer life spans.
44. The Big Bang – There are a lot of assumptions to this theory, and less and less is known the closer they get to the "bang."
45. Aliens – According to the Bible, there are huge theological implications to the existence of aliens.
46. Oldest Trees – The oldest trees are debatably only as old as 10,000 years old. When a tree gets so big, what can kill it?
47. Ocean Sediments and Salt – Over time, more sediment and salt are washed into the oceans, but the limited amount would suggest a young age for the ocean.

## **Chemistry/Physics**

48. Nucleus of an Atom – Like charged particles repel, opposites attract. So why do protons stay together in the nucleus? Why are the electrons not pulled toward the protons?
49. Elements of Life – Stars can only create the lightest few elements. Supernovas supposedly create the heavier elements. How do we still have so much radioactive elements on earth if the earth is so old?
50. Quantum Physics – There are some weird unknown properties of quantum physics. In Particle Physics, what particles have we really observed? What do we really know and what is just conjecture?
51. Dark Matter – Does it exist? It is supposedly about 21% of the universe, because there has to be more matter in the universe based on calculations. Is there a better young age explanation?
52. Dark Energy – Does it exist? It is supposedly about 74% of the universe; something else has to accelerate the expansion of the universe as is currently observed. Is there a better young age explanation?

## **Mathematics**

53. Fibonacci Sequence in Nature – This famous mathematical pattern is the basis behind spirals and can be found in many places throughout nature (ex. Shells, flower petals, tree limb growth, etc.)
54. The Impossible Probability – Some things are incredibly improbable. How improbable does something have to be to be impossible? Is evolution impossible?
55. The Infinite – How do we comprehend infinity? Is it a natural concept or a God-based concept?
56. Fractals – These are mathematical patterns, often getting infinitely complex. Why are there fractals? Are they God-designed beauty?

## **History, Language and Culture**

57. Evolution of Languages – Linguistics can trace languages back to a few common root families all near the same time. How did they begin? What is the evidence?
58. Legends of Creation – All over the world, there are different legends of creation; many are similar in aspects to Genesis. Why are many so similar?
59. Legends of a Global Flood – All over the world, there are different legends of a great flood; many are similar to the Genesis account. Why is this legend so pervasive?
60. Legends of Babel – All over the world, there are different legends of their civilized culture building up to the sky and a great confusion of languages. Why is this legend spread around the world?
61. Connections to Babel – Many worldwide cultures have similar pyramid like structures, henges or dolmens and even have similar legends and worship customs. Is this coincidence or due to trade or from a common ancestry?
62. Legends of Dragons – All over the world, there are stories and depictions of dinosaur-like creatures called dragons. (European knights slaying dragons, training dragons in China, Native American legends and depictions, etc.) There seem to be too many to discount.
63. Religions in Every Culture – People all over the world seem to have a need for God or the supernatural or worship of something. Why is it an innate desire of man?
64. Pyramids, Ziggurats, Mounds, Henges, and Dolmens – These similar formations appear all over the world. Is this evidence of common heritage or a coincidence?
65. Constellations – Who developed the constellations and what does it mean? Is the gospel displayed in the stars?
66. Music – How is music so complex and so beautiful? Why is it so pleasurable? Is there any evolutionary advantage to music?
67. Art and Beauty – Why is art so complicated and what makes it beautiful and pleasurable to us? What is the evolutionary advantage?
68. The Trustworthiness, Portrayal, and Interpretation of History – How do we know if history is passed down correctly? Do we really have to have faith in what someone tells us?
69. Oldest Records and Objects – What are the oldest things? How do we know how old they are? Is there enough evidence of thousands of years of the evolution of man?
70. Truth – What is Truth? Who determines Truth? Are they correct? Is Truth relative or fixed? Is it evolutionary or are there innate rules built or designed within us and within the universe?
71. Morality – What is morality? Who determines it? Are they correct? Is morality relative or fixed? Is it evolutionary or are there innate rules built or designed within us and within the universe?
72. Laws of Logic – Why are there laws of logic? Are they naturally occurring or did someone create them?
73. Information Theory – Does information need a cause, mind, or a creator? Can information come from chaos or randomness?
74. Who Are You? – How did consciousness evolve? Why are we different than animals and how did that evolve? What happens when we die? If it is all chemical/physical causes, do we have control of how we think or what we do?
75. Religion – All over the world, people have a desire for something more, a greater purpose, and a greater connection. Why do we all have this desire? Is it evolutionary or are we designed with the knowledge of God (Romans 1).

# 5 Common Deceptions

## 1. The Bible is not completely reliable.

**Answer:** The Bible is Consistent and Confirmed through archaeology, prophesies and more. It is GOD's Word.

## 2. Evolution is proven science and Creation is religious belief.

**Answer:** Both have faith and use science.

## 3. Science has proven evolution and an old earth.

**Answer:** Evidence has to be interpreted by the naturally biased observer. It depends on how you look at it.

## 4. The Definition of Science cannot allow for God.

**Answer:** God created science for us to use. Science is based on natural laws, but God is not limited to natural laws.

## 5. Evolution and the Bible are compatible.

**Answer:** Evolution means Death before sin which contradicts the doctrine of Jesus. .

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### Evolution vs. God

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#### Witnessing Questionnaire

1. Are you an atheist?
2. What is your major?
3. Is atheism a belief?
4. Do you believe in evolution?
5. Are you a strong believer?
6. When did you start to believe (have faith in) evolution?

7. Is evolution a belief?
  - a. Something that I don't have to have faith in.
  - b. Get them to admit to have faith (trust and assumptions).
8. Can you give me one example of observable evidence for evolution?
9. Can you give me one example of observable evidence for **a change in kind?** (testable and observable)
  - a. A change in a fish is still a fish...this is adaptation and speciation.
    - i. Is there new genetic material?
  - b. "Evolution happens so slowly that you can't observe it in our lifetime."
    - i. This is a good answer, but just proves that it is based on assumptions and faith.
10. So if you can't give me an observable evidence of evolution, then is it scientific?
11. Do you know what you call belief in evolution? – blind faith
  
12. Can you make a rose from nothing? (Something from nothing?)
13. Are there moral absolutes?
14. Is rape wrong?
15. Is what Hitler did wrong?
16. Isn't Hitler just following the survival of the fittest?
  
17. What happens when you die? How do you know?
18. Do you have life in you? – That's your soul.
19. Have you ever lied? (Stolen anything, lusted, cheated, etc...)
20. If someone lies, would do you call them?
21. (If I don't believe in God, then I can't blaspheme.) Even if you don't know the law then ignorance of the law doesn't mean that you can't break the law. (Ex. If I don't know what the speed limit is, then I can't get a speeding ticket.)
  
22. Rom 1 says that all men know that there is a God and are without excuse.
  
23. You believe in evolution and that there is no God so that you are not accountable to Him, is that right?
24. You believe that way, because you want to live in your life of sin doing what you want and not be accountable, is that right?
25. You have admitted that you have done wrong and are guilty.
26. A good judge has to be just and punish the guilty.
27. How old are you? Do you know when are you going to die? – That is not a scare tactic, that's just reality.
  
28. Share the good news that our sins are taken by Jesus.
  
29. Do you have a Bible at home?
30. You trust a human scientist that can make mistakes, but can you trust a God that cannot lie?
31. "Could you be wrong about God's existence?"
  - a. If someone came and told me that I can't know that my wife exists, I would think that they were ridiculous, because I know her. I have a personal relationship with her. That is the relationship that I have with God so I know that there is a God.