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is No. Things that happened in the past cannot be seen, measured, or experimented on. So neither creation nor evolution is really science at all. Both ideas rely on something that no one has ever seen. Both ideas depend on faith.

Creation and evolution are both ideas (or models) about how something **might** have happened. They cannot be proven. By using science we can learn facts and then see if they fit into the model. So, **which model, creation or evolution, fits the facts best?**

WHAT'S THE EVIDENCE?

There are two ideas of where we came from. One idea is that everything began by chance and accident. That idea is called evolution. Another idea is that everything was created or made by God. That idea is called creation. Many people feel that evolution is a science and that creation is a religion. Can either of these ideas be shown to be true or false using science?

What is science? A dictionary says that science is "*knowledge gained by observation.*" To be real science, you have to be able to **see** it happen, **show** it happen, and be able to show it over and over and **over again**.

Evolution teaches that once upon a time, billions of years ago there was a Big Bang. Then life began over 1 billion years ago from a puddle of goo. Evolution also teaches that plants and animals changed over millions of years into what we see today. Can you see a problem with this **idea**? No one was there to see a Big Bang. No one was there to see any life crawling out of that goo. No one has ever seen a dinosaur change into a bird. No one has ever seen a monkey change into a man. No one has ever seen anything change or evolve into something else.

Creation teaches that everything was created by God. **"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth" Genesis 1:1.** God created **everything** out of nothing: everything including all the plants, animals, and man. Of course, just like evolution, creation can't be observed either. No one was there to see God create the world. No one was there to see Him create the plants. No one was there to see Him make the animals. No one was there to see God form man.

So back to our question, "Can either of these ideas be shown to be true or false using science?." The answer

If evolution is true we should be able to see several things: (1) There should be millions of transitional (or in-between) kinds of animals. (2) Animals should be getting more and more complex. (3) The evidence should show a very old, old earth.

If creation as presented in the Bible is true, we should be able to see several things: (1) There should be gaps between kinds of plants and animals in the fossils, because animals don't change from one kind into another. (2) Animals should be complex and completely formed wherever they are found. (3) There should be a lot of evidence for Noah's flood. We should find lots of layers of mud with lots of dead things (fossils).



As we study the fossils, we see no evidence for in-between kinds of animals. We don't see animals getting more complex in the fossils either. They just suddenly appeared fully formed, just as creation teaches. We find a lot of differences within a kind of animal (for example lots of different dogs) but never any half-kinds (for example 1/2 dog 1/2 cat.) This fits with creation, not evolution. We find a lot of evidence for a world wide flood, just as our Bible teaches. We find lots of dead things (fossils) and lots of layers of rock that were once mud. Also many facts point to the earth being very young, not billions of years old as evolution teaches.

The more we study science, the more problems we find for evolution. We find that the evidence fits with creation and the Bible. That is just what we would expect, because we believe that God's Word is true and accurate. God knows the truth, because He was there!

WORD SEARCH

Look for the words hidden in the puzzle below from words in the word list. The hidden words might be up and down, sideways, or slanted (not backwards)!



WORD LIST

CREATION	IDEA	EVOLUTION
CREATED	CHANCE	ACCIDENT
SCIENCE	RELIGION	OBSERVE
DEMONSTRATE	REPEAT	MODEL
GOD	GOO	BIGBANG
FAITH	FACTS	EVIDENCE

ASK EUGENE

Dear Eugene, I went to the Twin Peaks Bible Camp you were at and I loved hearing about all the missing links and how to ask what's the evidence, that made me feel like walking right up to my teacher and telling her about God, but when I went back home I learned that there's not a whole lot of evidence to creation either. Don't get me wrong, I do believe in God and that he created the heavens and the earth, but what's the evidence to creation? I believe in the Bible, but is there any other evidence? Cami Nakano



Dear Cami: Thank you for writing to me! We appreciate hearing from young people that have had their lives changed by camp. Most people are not aware of how much evidence there is to support Creation. We taught you some of the evidence at camp... like the design of the animals.

Remember the Bombardier Beetle and how he can make a bomb inside of himself. It would have been very difficult to evolve all the right parts by chance and accident without blowing himself up! All the parts of his defense system had to be operating exactly right the very first time and every time or all we would have left is one blown up beetle. That's good evidence for creation! God made all the right parts in the very beginning.

*Remember all the other amazing creatures we looked at too -- like the giraffe, the woodpecker, the nudibranch, and the gecko lizard? We are able to look at God's creation and know that there had to be a designer, who was very intelligent, to make all the complex animals and plants that we see in our world today. The odds against all this complexity coming together by random chance or mutations are just too great... **We had to have a Creator -- the evidence is there!** (See Job 12:7-9)*

Hope the article on the front page also helps to answer your question. Love Ya, Eugene.

Dear Eugene, This was the best V.B.S (Vacation Bible School) I ever have seen in my life. You have a great family, great puppet shows, (especially Eugene), great slide shows, and great songs. The slide shows taught me tons of new things and the verses taught me a lot too! P.S. My favorite song is the Wa Wa song. Krystallin Baker

Dear Krystallin: All these compliments make me blush! But really the credit has to go to Jesus. Without Jesus we wouldn't have the strength to be able to teach you all those things. Think about it, without Jesus we wouldn't even have anything to teach you! So Thank you Jesus! Keep Wa-Wa Walking for Jesus! Love Ya, Eugene!

Hey Kiddos! Remember to ask, "What's the Evidence Write to me! I love ya'll. Eugene!



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