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MISSING LINKS STILL MISSING*

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The theory of evolution teaches that the cell came about by chance and accident! [See *The Amazing Cell* <http://www.discovercreation.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/KTB-Sept-Oct-2017.pdf>]. Evolution then goes on to teach that all life began from that first cell and that, somehow, the first cell reproduced itself. According to evolution, all the plants, insects, and animals came from the first 'simple' cell. Here is a picture that you will find in most biology textbooks. It is called *The Evolutionary Tree of Life*. Hmm; have any of you ever been in a forest of trees and seen a tree with all kinds of different animals hanging all over it? No? So where did this evolutionary 'tree' come from? Evolution uses the branches of the tree to show that somehow we are all linked together. The evolutionary tree is just a story. As we will see, there is no solid evidence for these 'branches'.



One of the stories of evolution is that our ancestors were fish. According to the story, millions and millions of years ago, a fish evolved into an amphibian. Much

later, amphibians then changed into reptile-type creatures. Millions of years passed, and reptiles began evolving into mammals, mammals into ape-like creatures, ape-like creatures into cavemen, and finally cavemen into you. This of course is a simplified version of the evolutionary story. If you really believe in the idea of evolution, whenever you sit down and eat some fish, what are you eating? Well maybe not yourself, but how about a distant cousin? Yuck!

Every now and then, when we are digging in the ground, we find bones that have actually turned into rock. We call these bones fossils. Fossils tell us something. They tell us that the animal that lived, died, and left those bones behind lived in the past. There are no labels or stamps on the fossil to tell us how long ago the animal lived, but we know it existed sometime in the past. Now look at the next picture. This is a similar example of what you might find in many school books. A salamander (at the top of picture) is an amphibian, which is smooth-skinned and breathes with a gill-type system. Salamanders can live both in and out of the water. A rat (shown at the bottom of the picture) is a mammal, which has hair on its body and breathes air with its lungs. Because scientists have found lots of fossilized salamanders and rat fossils in the rocks, they tell a story like this: Millions upon millions of years ago, Mr. Salamander was running around, and met Miss Salamander. They fell in love, courted, got married (*I added these three*), and had a baby. However, something was very different about this baby. It was not like the parents. It was a mutation, or



what evolution likes to call a 'transitional form' (an in-between form that was part one kind of animal and part another). Millions of years passed and then the descendants of this transitional form had another mutation or transitional form. This kept happening over and over until finally, over millions and millions of years, the salamanders changed or evolved into lizards and finally into rats!

This is quite a story, right? However, there are all kinds of problems with it. Remember that we find lots of fossils of salamanders. We also find lots of fossils of rats. If this evolutionary story is true, then we should also find something else. We should also find lots of fossils of those 'transitional forms'. But we don't find transitions. Instead we find gaps. These gaps are called the *missing links*. [See *The Missing Link* <http://www.discovercreation.org/documents/kids/JanandFeb1996KTB.pdf>]. The reason they are called missing is because they are just not there!

For many years, evolutionary scientists have searched and searched the fossil record looking for their missing links. They need to find them to prove their evolutionary story is true; however, they have found nothing they can say for certain is a transitional form. Most evolutionary scientists agree there are no unquestionable in-between fossils.

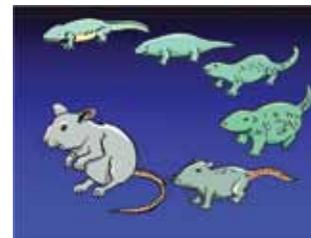
There is another word that we call these pictures of missing links. It is a scientific word called artwork! This type of artwork is based on nothing - nothing but a good imagination.

The Genesis 1 account of Creation explains that God created all living things after its kind; not one kind changing into another kind!

[See *After Their Kinds* <http://www.discovercreation.org/documents/kids/JanandFeb2009KTB.pdf>].

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"The works of the LORD are great, Studied by all who have pleasure in them." Psalm 111:2 NKJV. Searching for, and finding fossils can be educational and lots of fun. See if you can find the 31 objects (4 are fossils) from the Hidden Object List. First, match the name of the object with the black and white picture of object, and then try to find the object in the picture!



HIDDEN OBJECT LIST

FOSSILS:

1. Fish
2. Nautilus
3. Seashell
4. Trilobite

OBJECTS:

5. Banana
6. Baseball Bat
7. Bible
8. Candle
9. Carrot
10. Coffee Cup
11. Cupcake
12. Faucet
13. Football
14. Garden Trowel
15. Hard Hat
16. Horseshoe
17. Lime
18. Nut
19. Paint Brush
20. Pencil
21. Pliers
22. Saw
23. Sawhorse
24. Screw
25. Strawberry
26. Tape Measure
27. Ten Commandments
28. Umbrella
29. Water Can
30. Whistle
31. Wrench



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