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FROM GOO TO YOU BY WAY OF THE ZOO
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Mr. Jones, calling to his children, said, "Kids, I'd like to have a talk with you before we go to the zoo tomorrow."

A very excited Billy exclaimed, "Oh! I can't wait! First, I want to see the giraffe, and then the elephants, and then the hippos, and then ..."

An equally excited Mary interrupted her brother. "We just have to see the new monkey and ape house. I hear that they come right up to the glass! It's almost like you can touch them!"

Mr. Jones laughed and said, "It is going to be a fun and educational time. We will see a lot of animals and learn some amazing facts about them. However, I have been to this zoo before and I need to warn you that we will also read or hear some ideas about the animals that I don't believe in."

"What do you mean, Dad?" Mary asked.

"Well, in the ape house we will probably read that a chimpanzee is our ancestor."

Confused, Billy asked, "What's an ancestor?"

"The word is ancestor, Billy, and it means someone from whom we descended

or came from, such as a great-great-great-grandparent."

"You mean the zoo thinks we came from an ape?" Mary inquired.

Mr. Jones held up a picture and said, "Let me try to answer that by showing you this picture. There are really only two basic ideas about where we came from. One is the idea of evolution. Evolution is a theory or idea that says we came (or evolved) from an ape-like creature. Evolution teaches that on the earth a long, long time ago, there was this goo (sometimes called primordial soup) ..."

Billy, once again confused, interrupted and asked, "What's goo, Dad?"

"Remember the other day when you and Mary were stomping in a puddle of mud in the back yard without your shoes on? That stuff that was squishing up between your toes is what I call goo. Evolution teaches that all life started from some type of goo and that it happened all by chance and accident. Now you need to understand that no one has ever seen this goo, or the conditions it would have taken to make it. It is just a story or idea.

"The story then goes on to say that something must have happened to this goo. Perhaps it was struck by lightning or some type of electricity; possibly some chemicals of some sort were accidentally dumped into it. No one knows. Evolution teaches that from this goo, life began, as a 'simple', one-celled animal. That statement was made before the powerful microscopes we have today were invented; today we can look right into a cell, discovering there is no such thing as a simple cell.¹

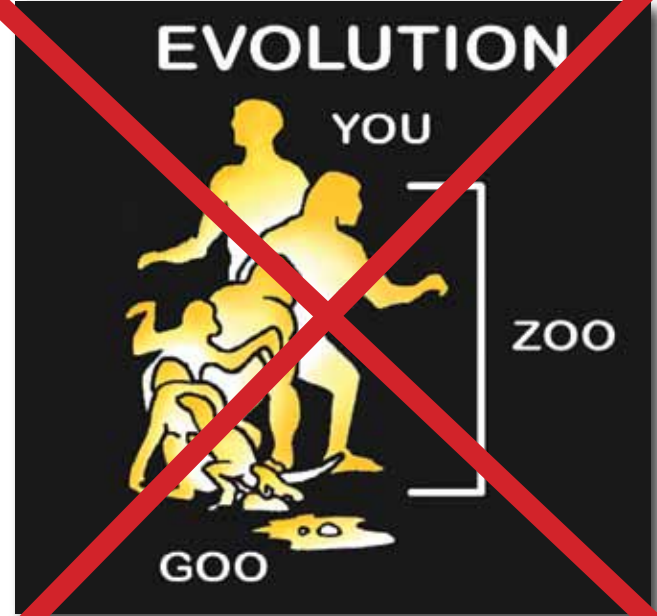
"Then evolution teaches that from this simple one-celled animal, all animals changed and evolved into different kinds of animals until humans finally came along from ape-like creatures.

"A simple way to remember what

evolution teaches - at the top of the animal line is man, or YOU. At the bottom or beginning of the animal line is the GOO. Where can you go to see all kinds of animals living today?"

"That's an easy answer, Dad ... the zoo!" Mary exclaimed.

"Right, Mary, they can be found in the ZOO. Evolution teaches life came from GOO to YOU by way of the ZOO.²



"I see why you don't believe that, Dad. That's a pretty far-fetched story!" declared Billy.

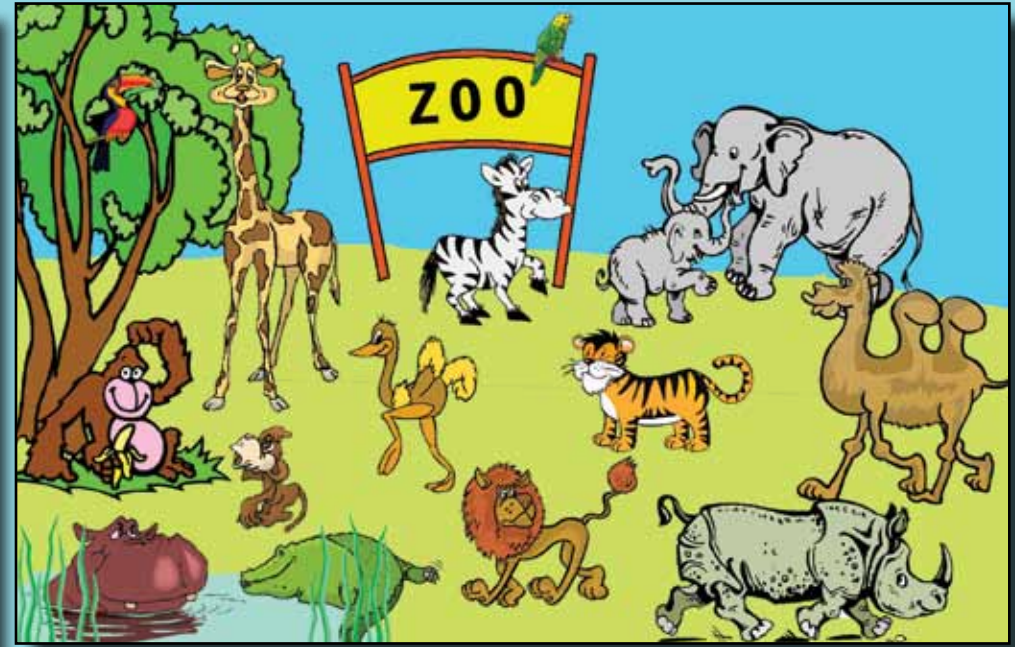
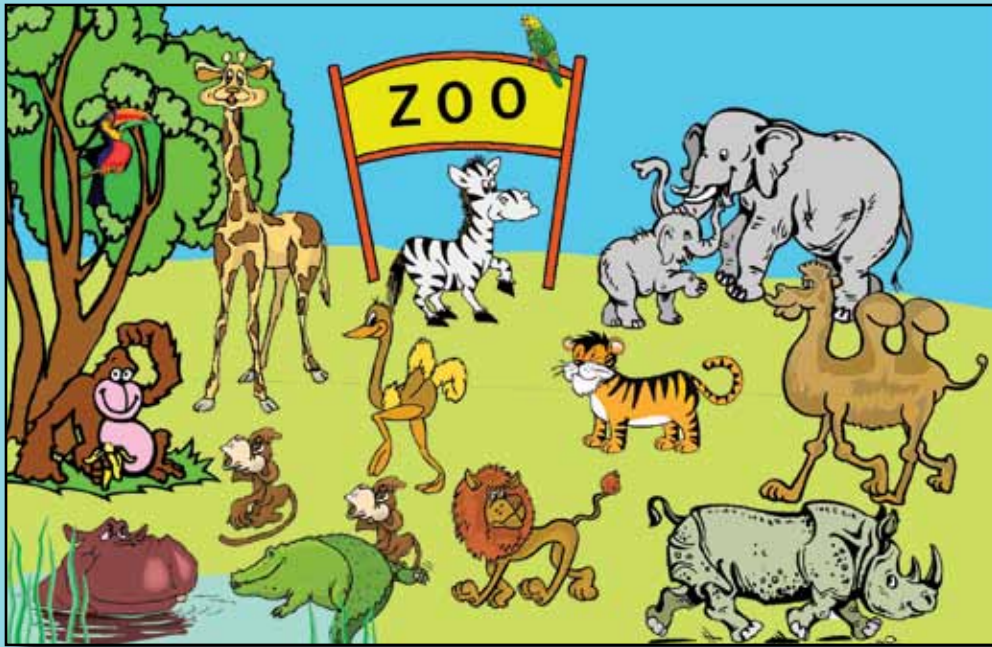
"Good thinking, Billy! When we really study the animals closely, it doesn't appear that they happened by chance or accident. In fact, they appear to have been designed by a Creator," concluded Mr. Jones.

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ANIMALS YOU MIGHT SEE AT A ZOO
Find the 18 differences between the 2 pictures above.

FOR ANSWERS GO TO: <http://www.discovercreation.org/kids/NewsletterAnswers.htm>

Find the Biblical answer to WHO made Man by using the KEY below to solve the secret code hidden in puzzle on left.

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