

Project ISSACHAR

Training in
Apologetics and
Biblical Worldview

“Those who had
understanding of the
times, to know what Israel
ought to do...”

1 Chronicles 12:32



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SESSION 8

Where Did I Come From?



For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are *clearly seen*, being understood by the *things that are made*, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse...

Romans 1:20



telos

God and Biology



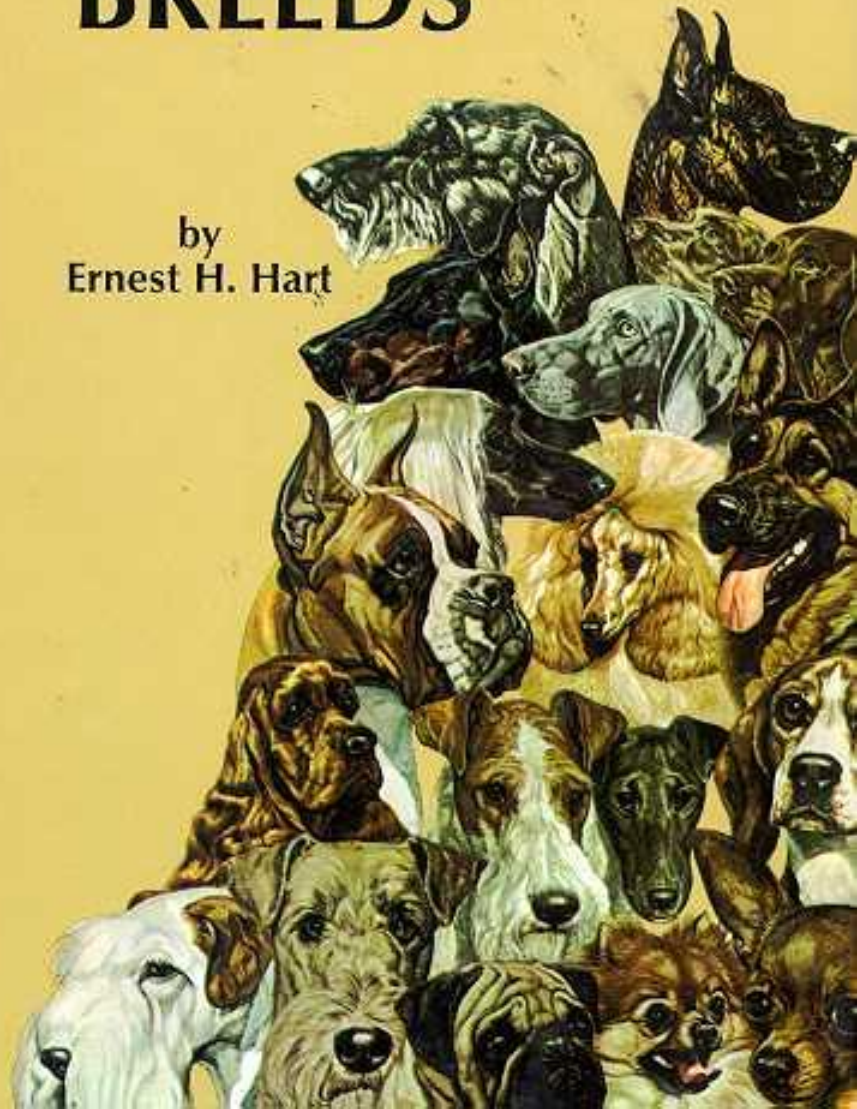
Where did living things come from?



“Unnatural” selection

encyclopedia of DOG BREEDS

by
Ernest H. Hart



Dogs of the World

Terrier Group



Hound Group



Sporting Group



Toy Group



Non-Sporting Group



Working Group

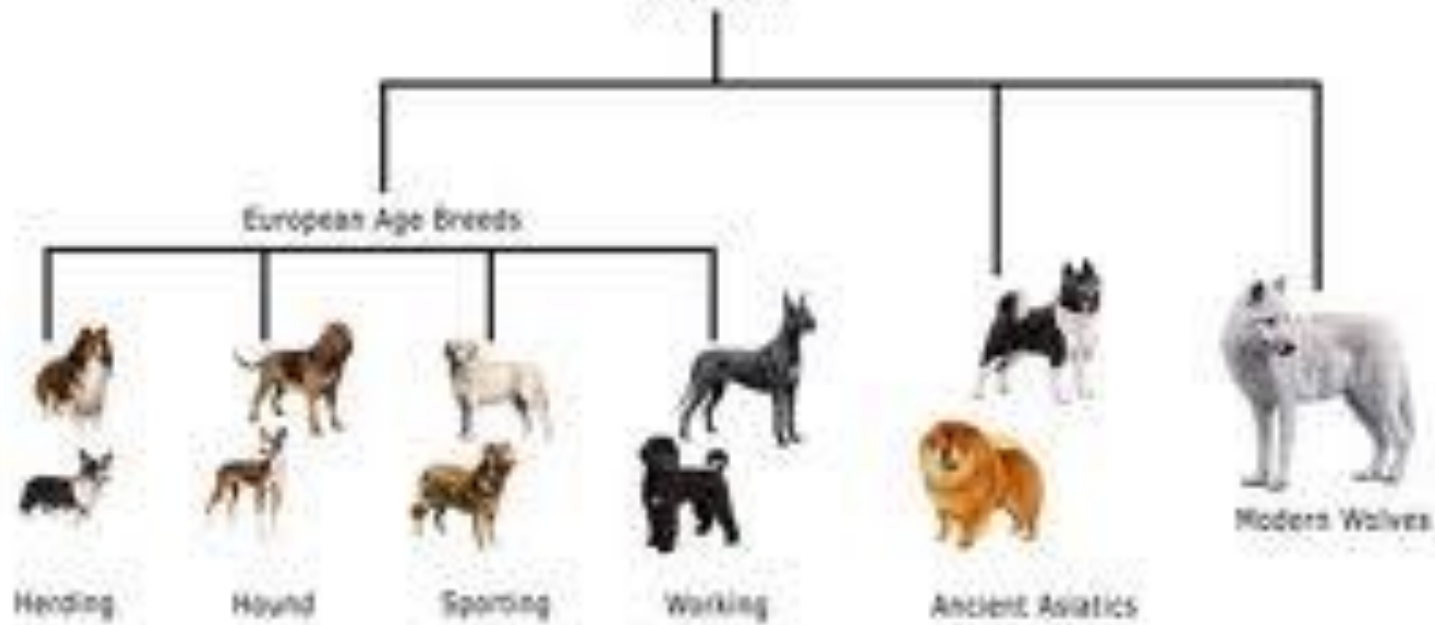


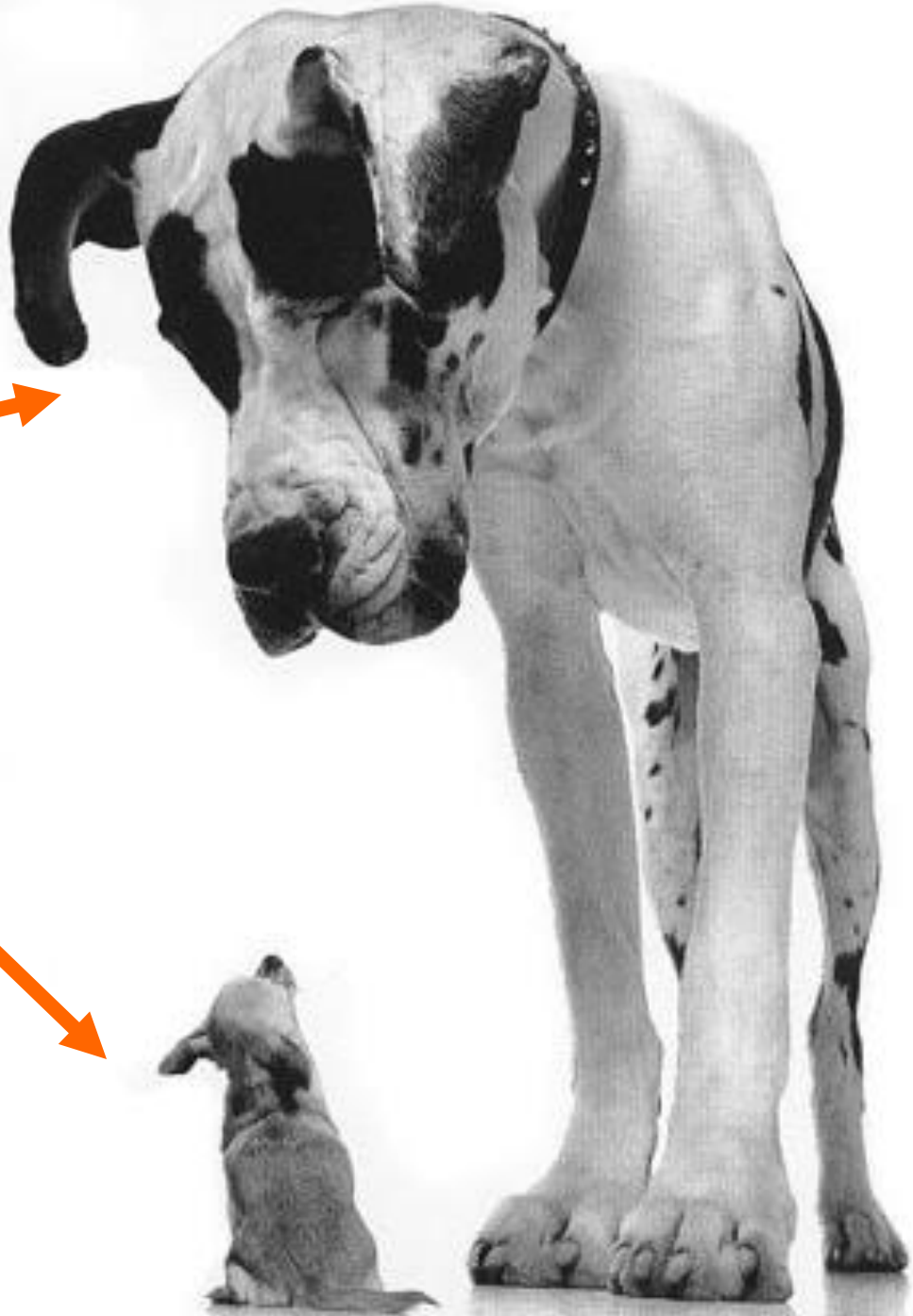
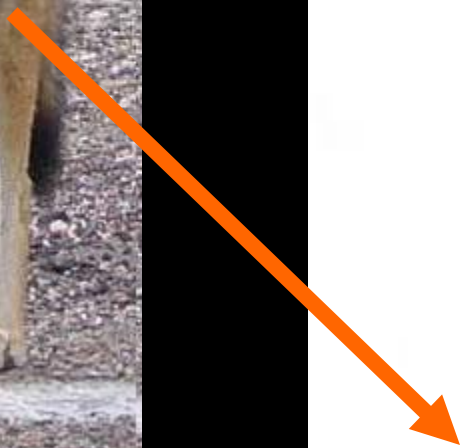
Herding Group





Wolf Ancestor







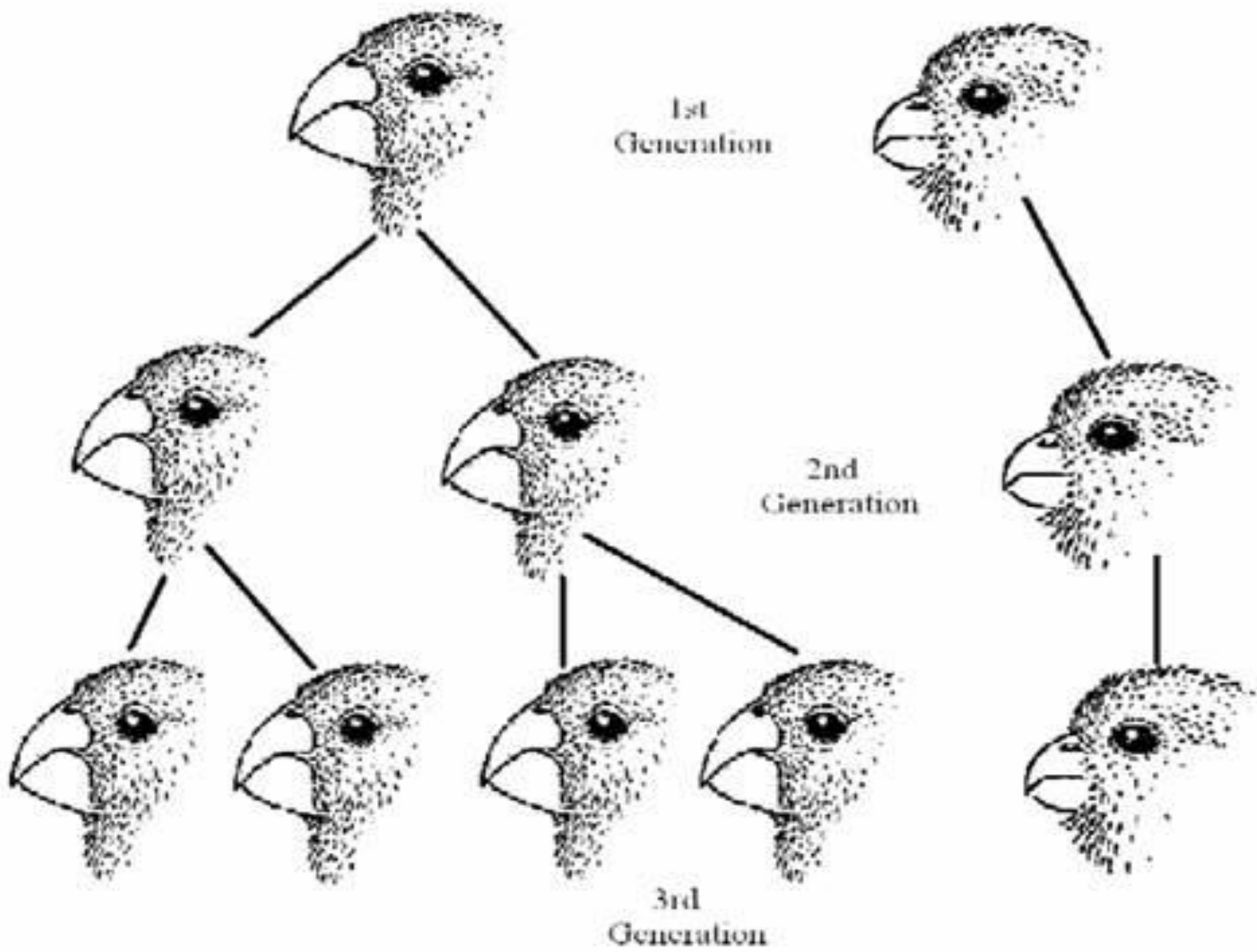
**Is there something in nature that
acts like a purposeful breeder?**





Charles Darwin, 1840 (Downe House, Downe, Kent, Great Britain/Art Resource, NY)

1st
Generation



2nd
Generation

3rd
Generation

ON

THE ORIGIN OF SPECIES

BY MEANS OF NATURAL SELECTION,

OR THE

PRESERVATION OF FAVOURED RACES IN THE STRUGGLE
FOR LIFE.

By CHARLES DARWIN, M.A.,

FELLOW OF THE ROYAL, GEOLOGICAL, LINNEAN, ETC., SOCIETIES;
AUTHOR OF "JOURNAL OF RESEARCHES DURING H. M. S. BEAGLE'S VOYAGE
ROUND THE WORLD."

Natural selection...

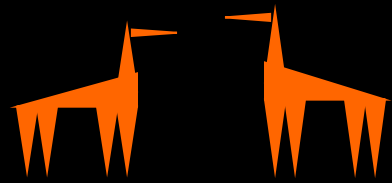
**environmental
situations “select”
the ones that
reproduce**

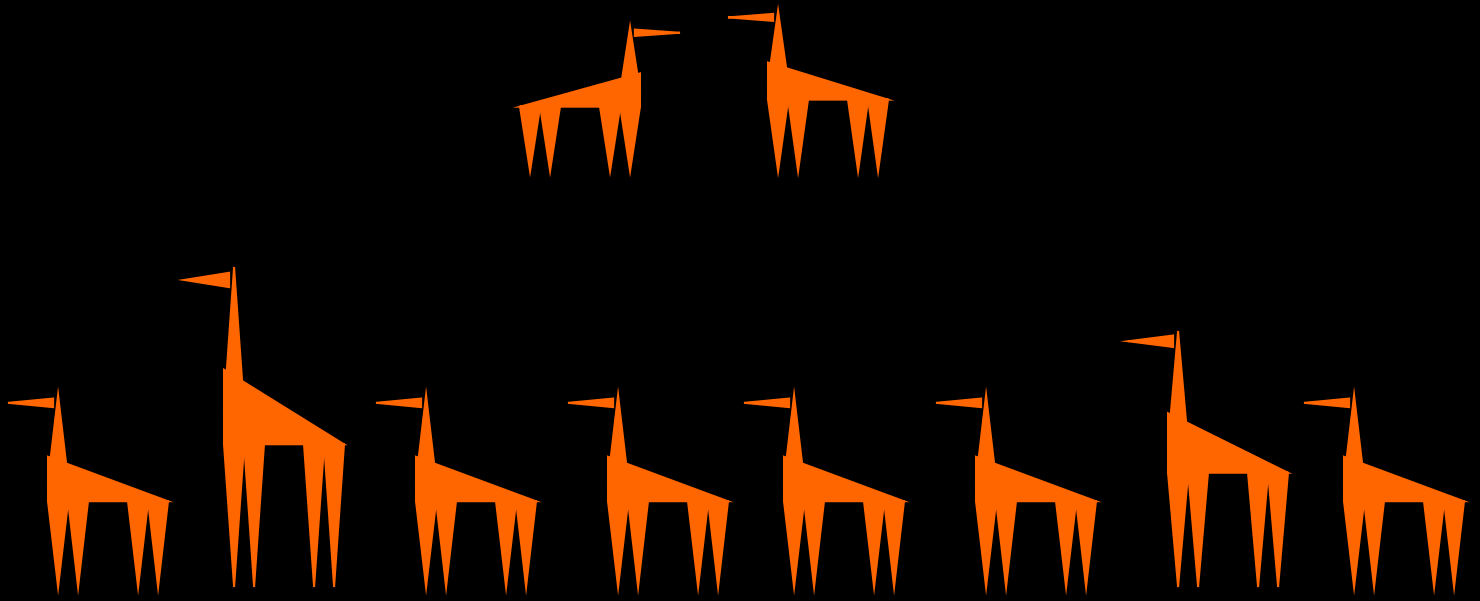


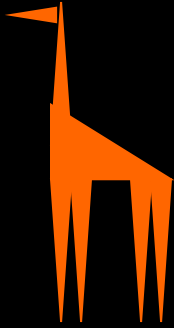
Darwin's hypothesis...

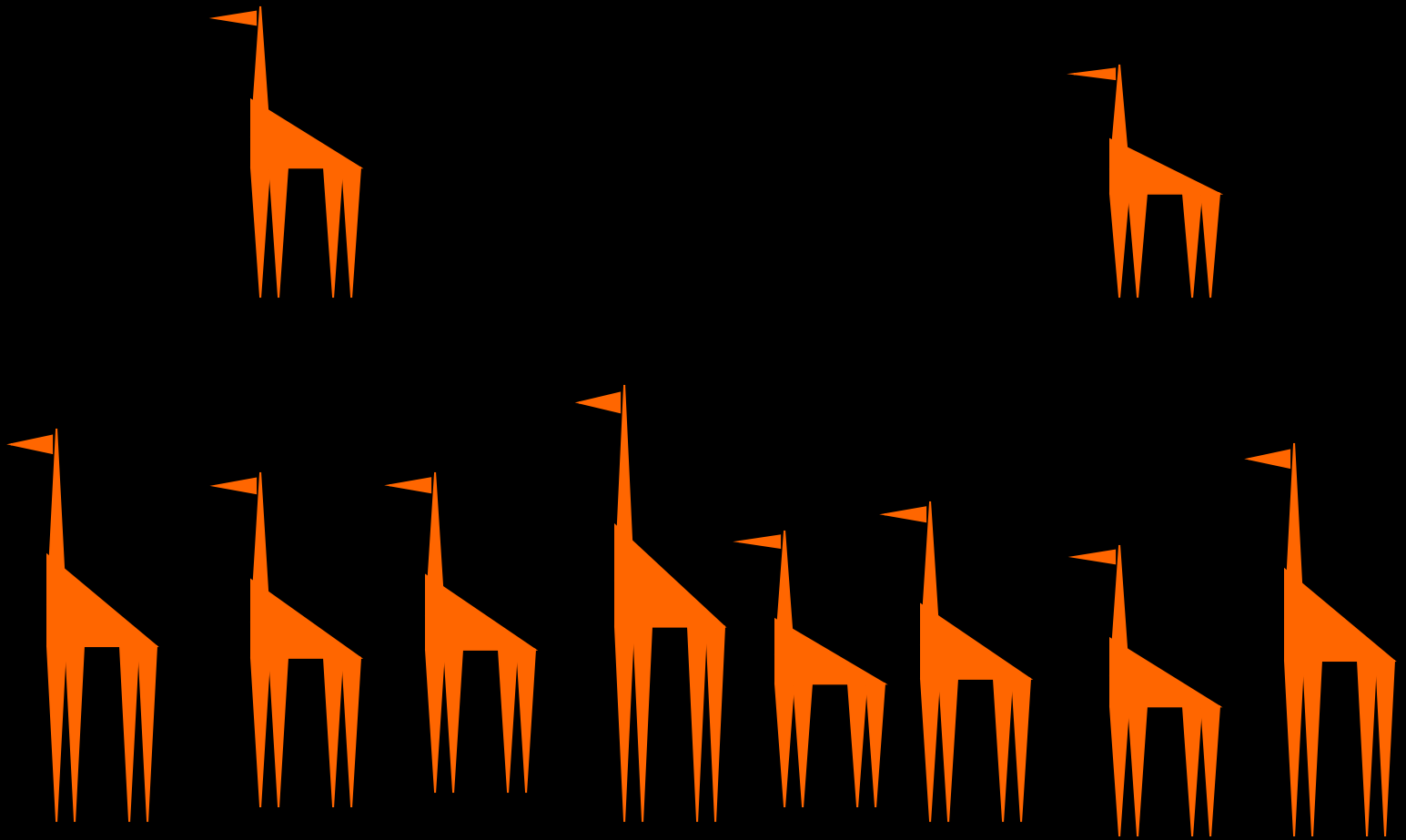
**Natural selection
can cause
enough change
to lead to a new
species**



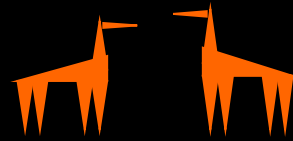




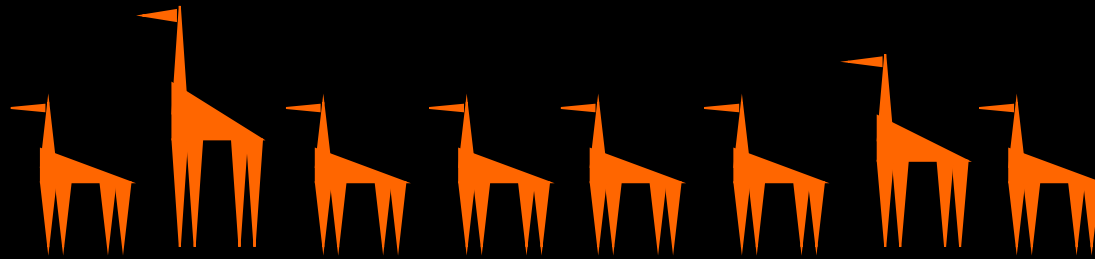




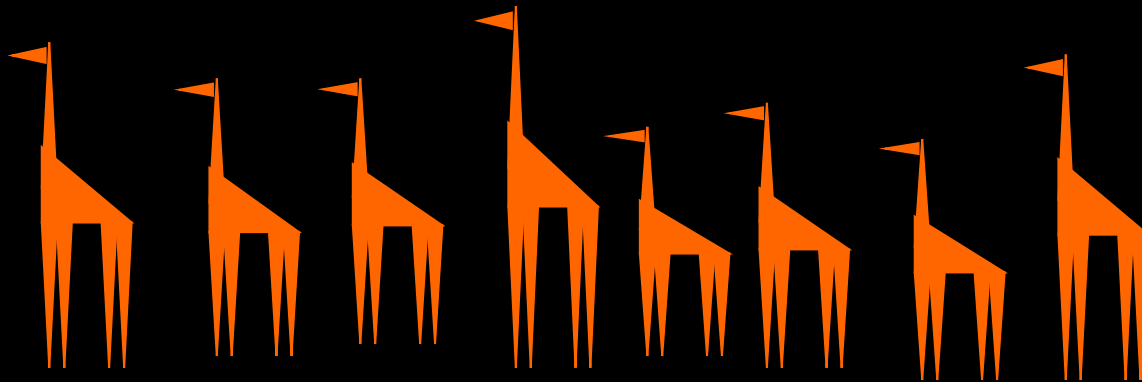
Each generation's average height is larger



G1



G2



G3



1. Offspring differ from each other



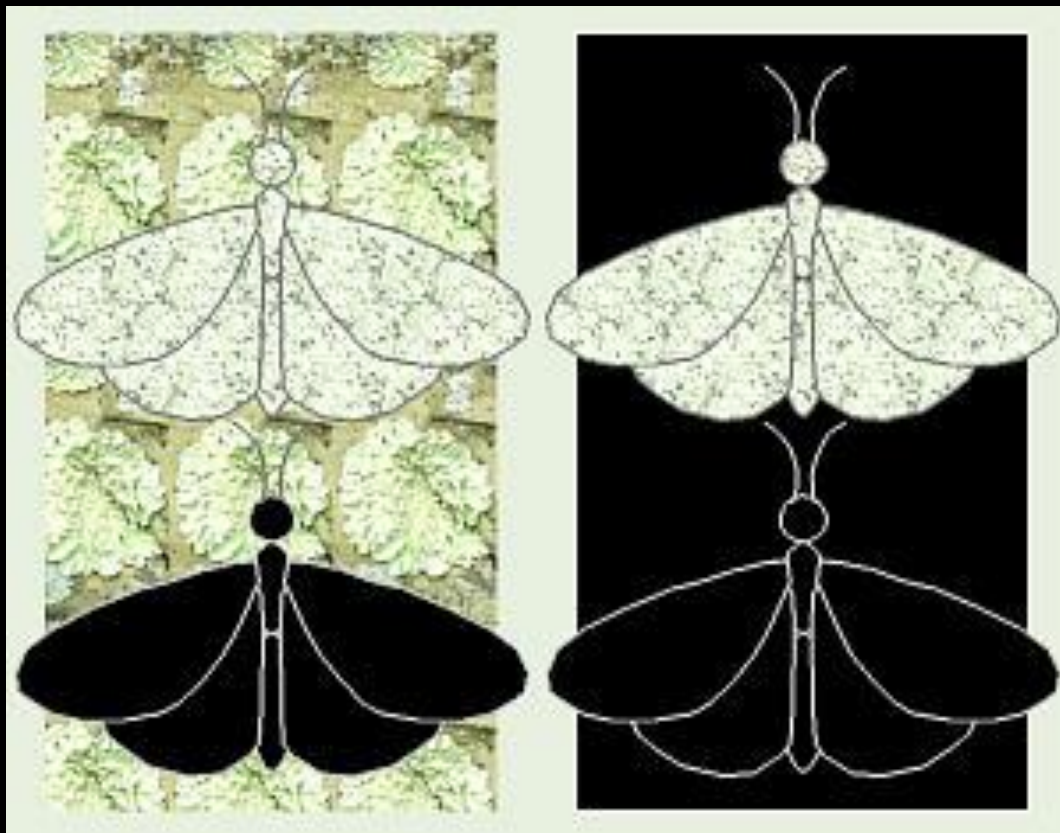
**2. Always more
than the habitat
can support**

3. Only the “fittest” survive



**4. Only survivors
pass on their
genes**







The big question...

**If organisms
can change a
little, can they
change a lot?**



Microevolution...

**...small changes within a population
that allow it to adapt to
environmental changes**

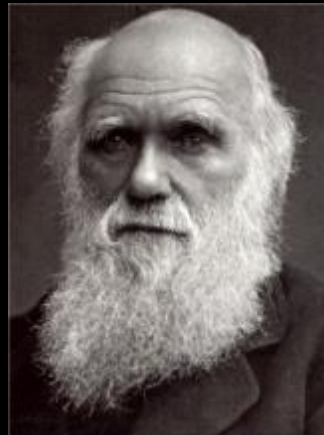
Macroevolution...

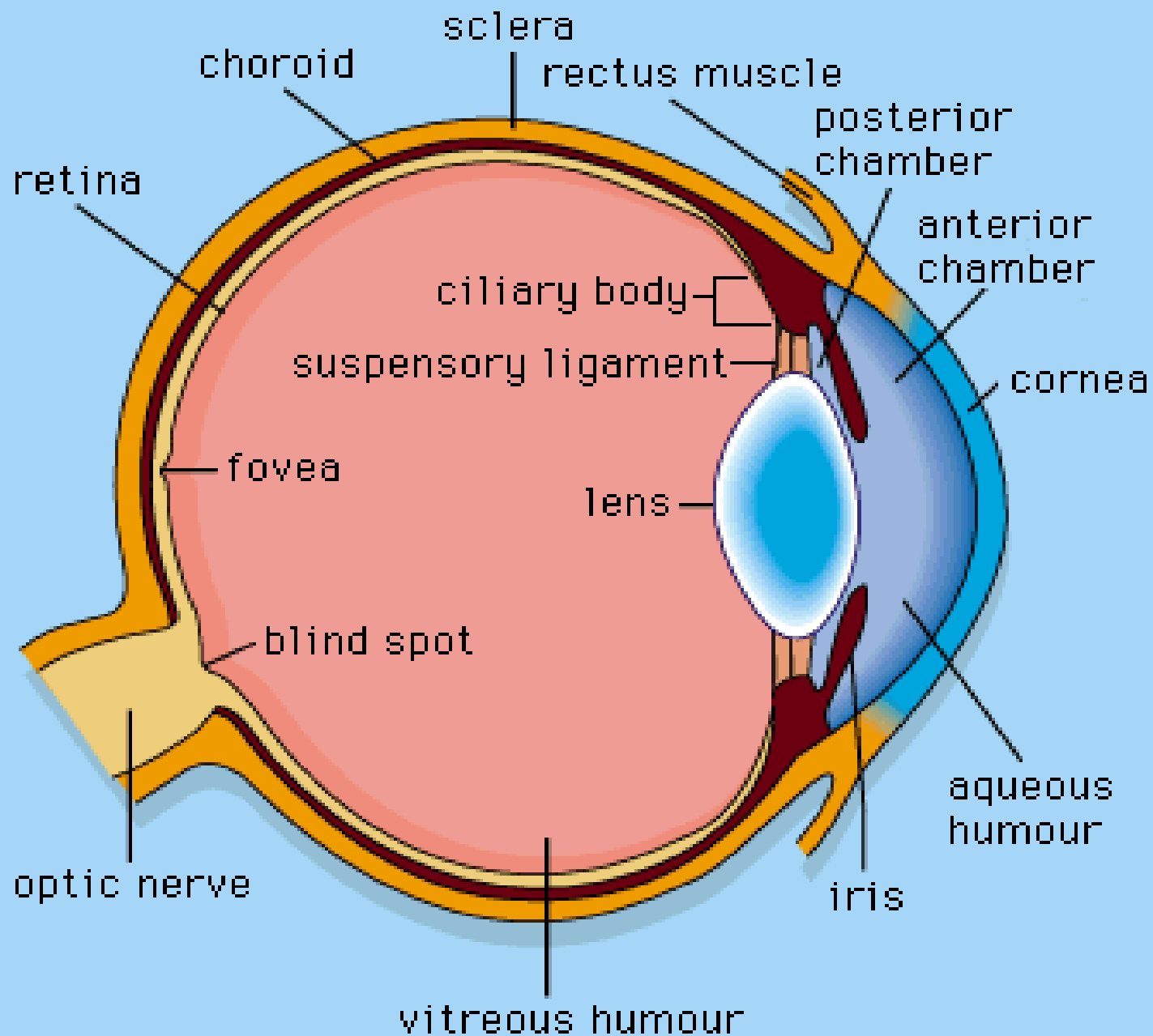
(Darwinian Evolution)

**... many small changes
eventually lead to new species**

“If it could be demonstrated that any complex organ existed which could not possibly have been formed by numerous, successive, slight modifications, my theory would absolutely break down.”

Charles Darwin





**“I suspect we jumped so quickly to
Origins because...**

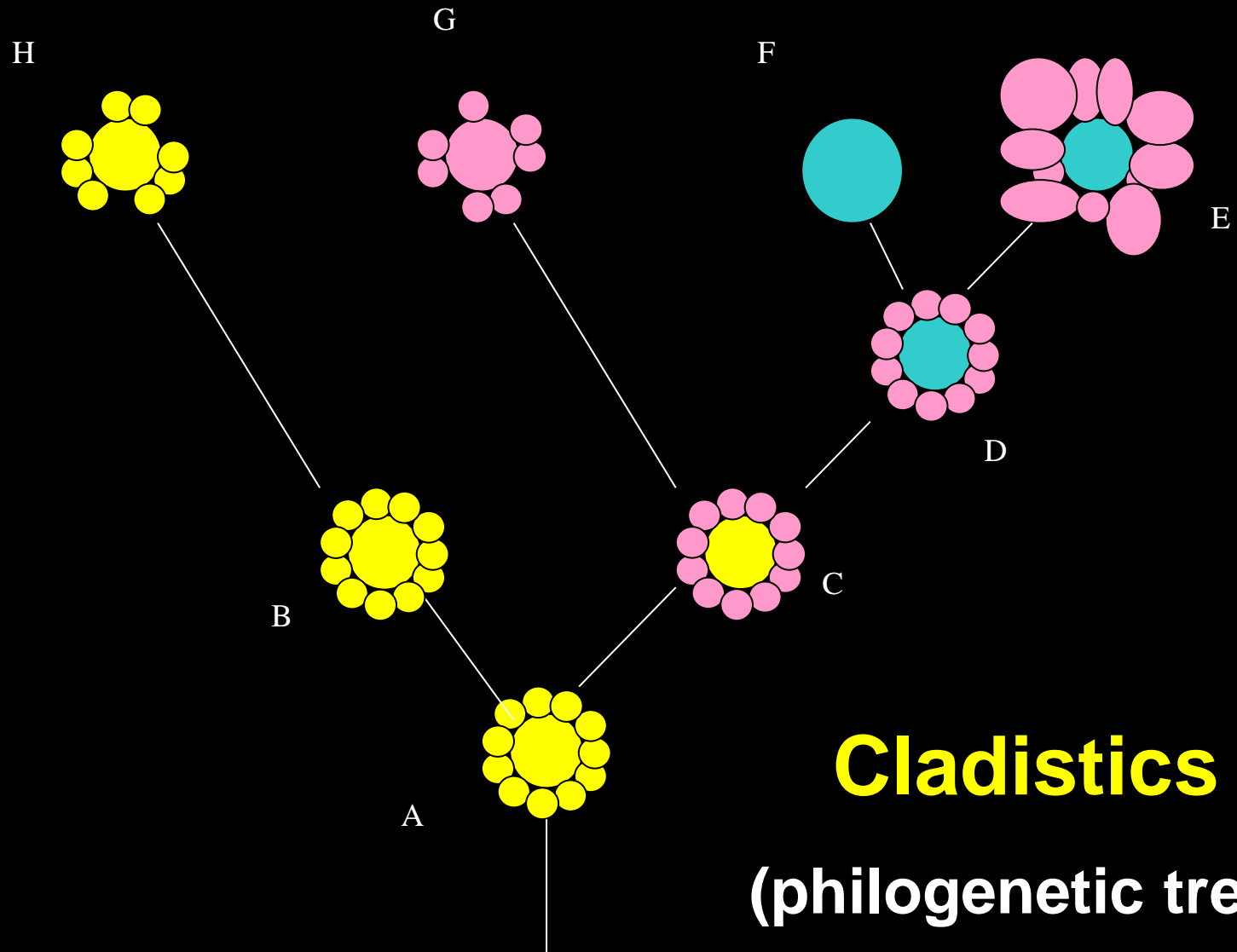
**...the idea of God interferes with our
sexual mores.”**

Julian Huxley

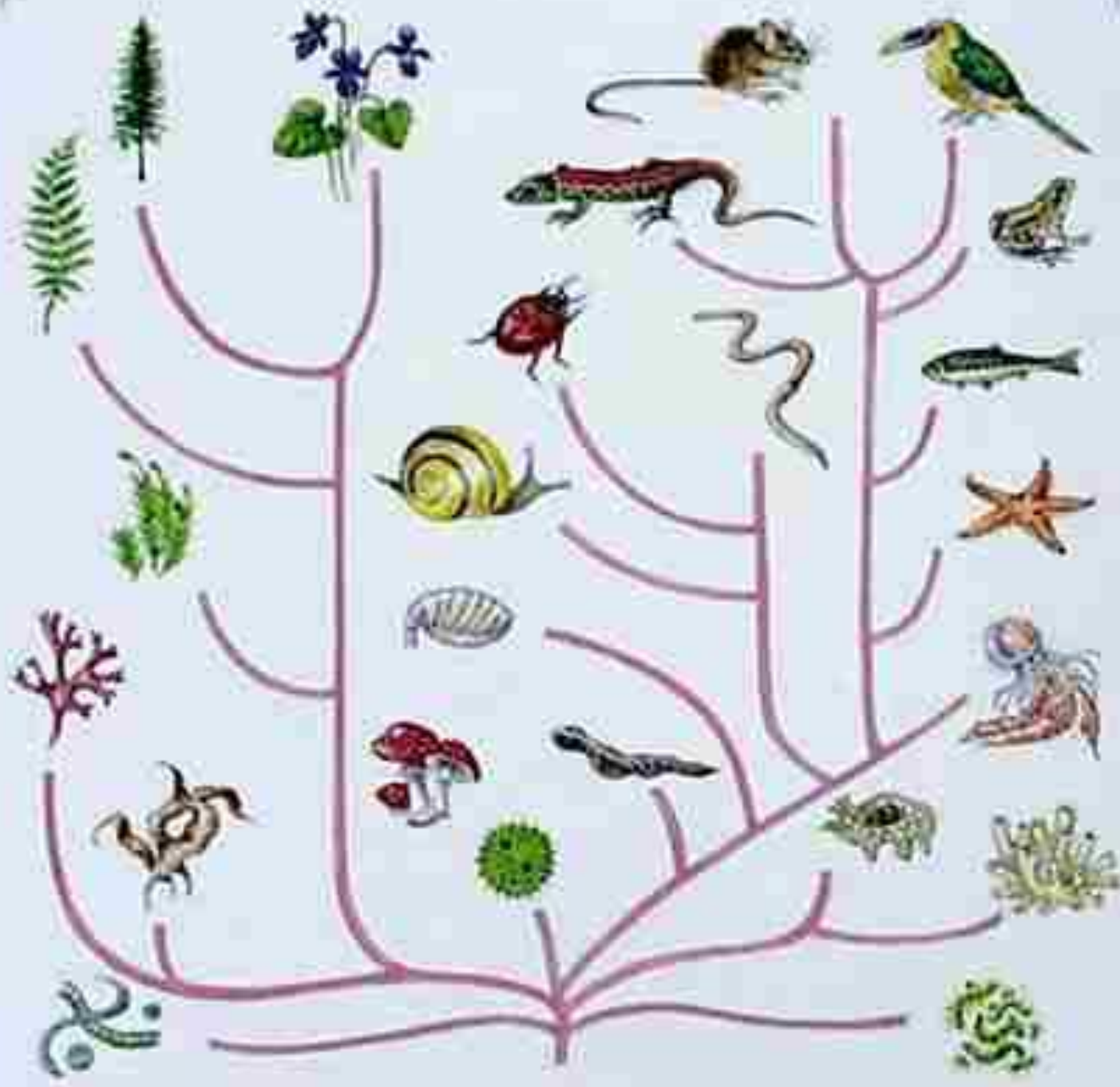


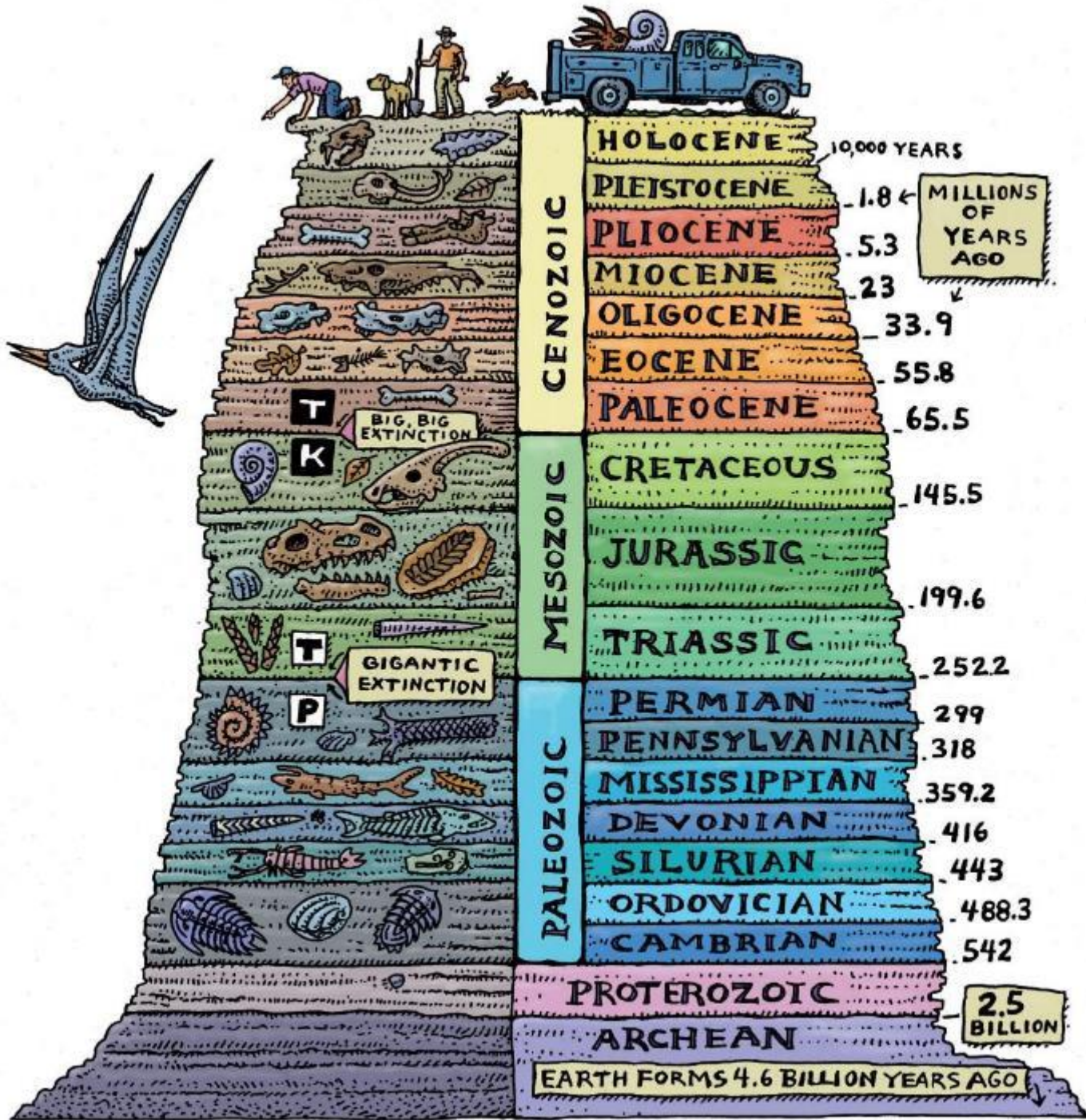
Neil deGrasse Tyson says he's not convinced of a higher power because "the Earth is constantly trying to kill us." He wonders *if God exists, why he would allow such atrocities.*





Cladistics
(phylogenetic tree)





CAMBRIAN EXPLOSION...

The sudden appearance of many fossil forms in the Cambrian Layer



Whale

Frog

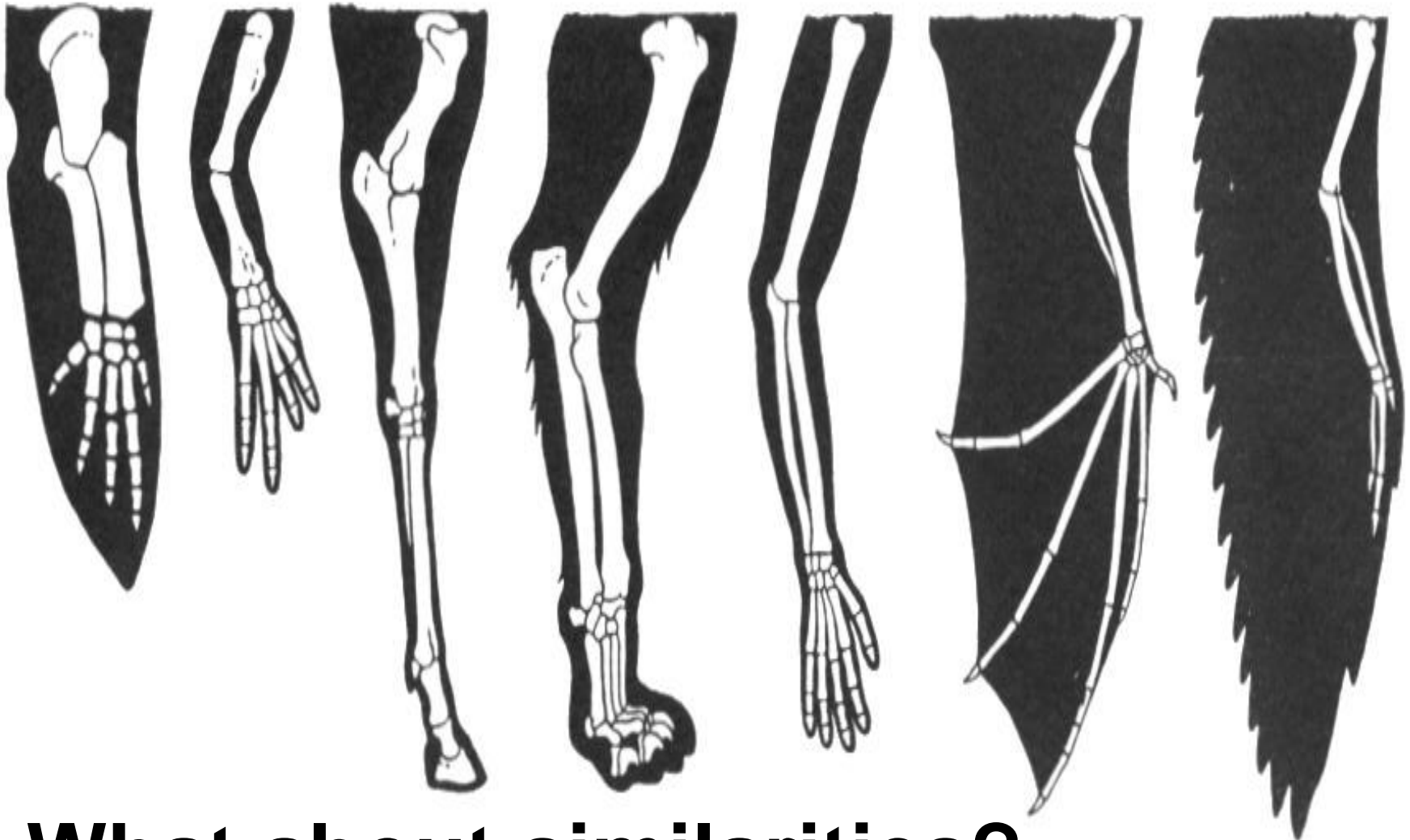
Horse

Lion

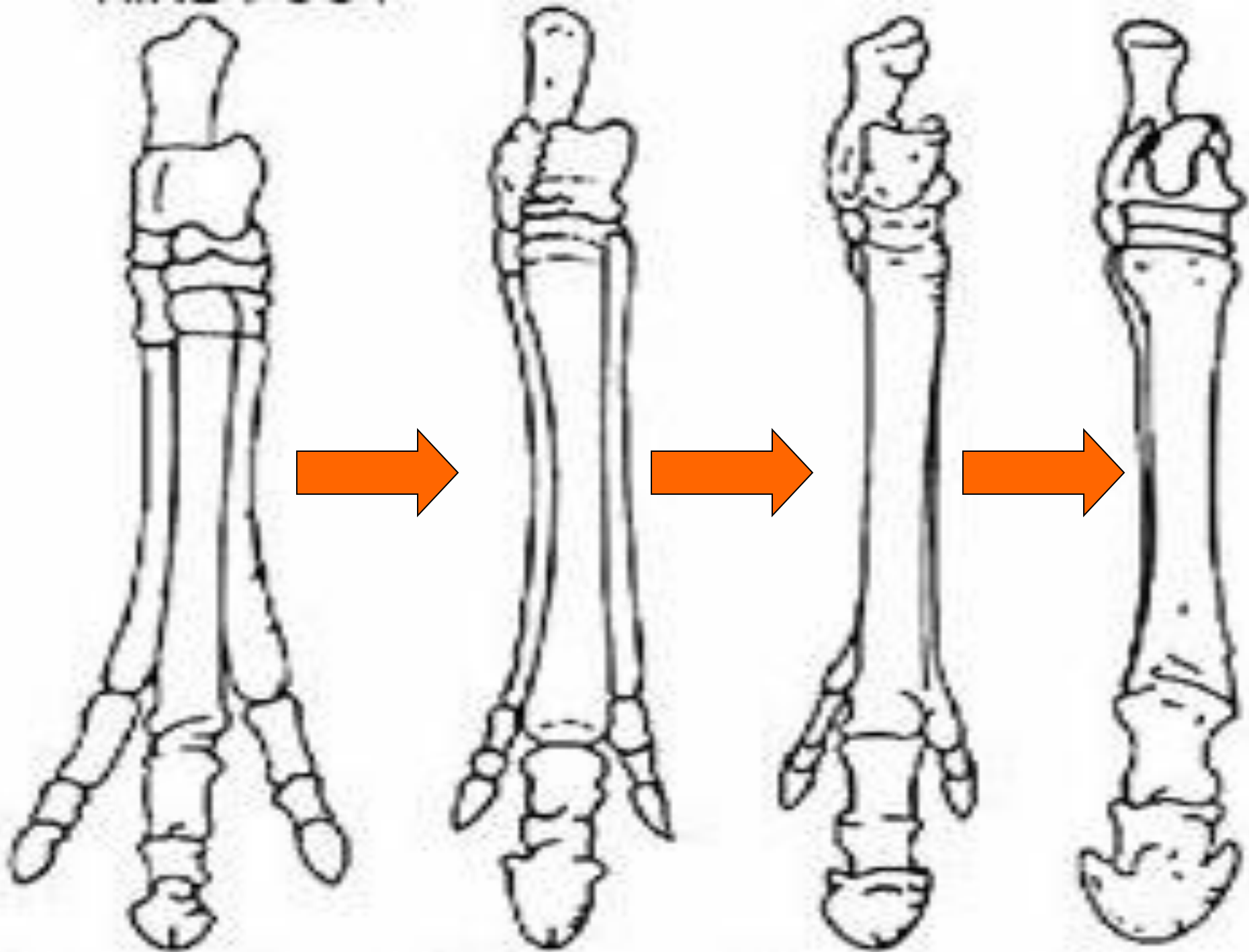
Human

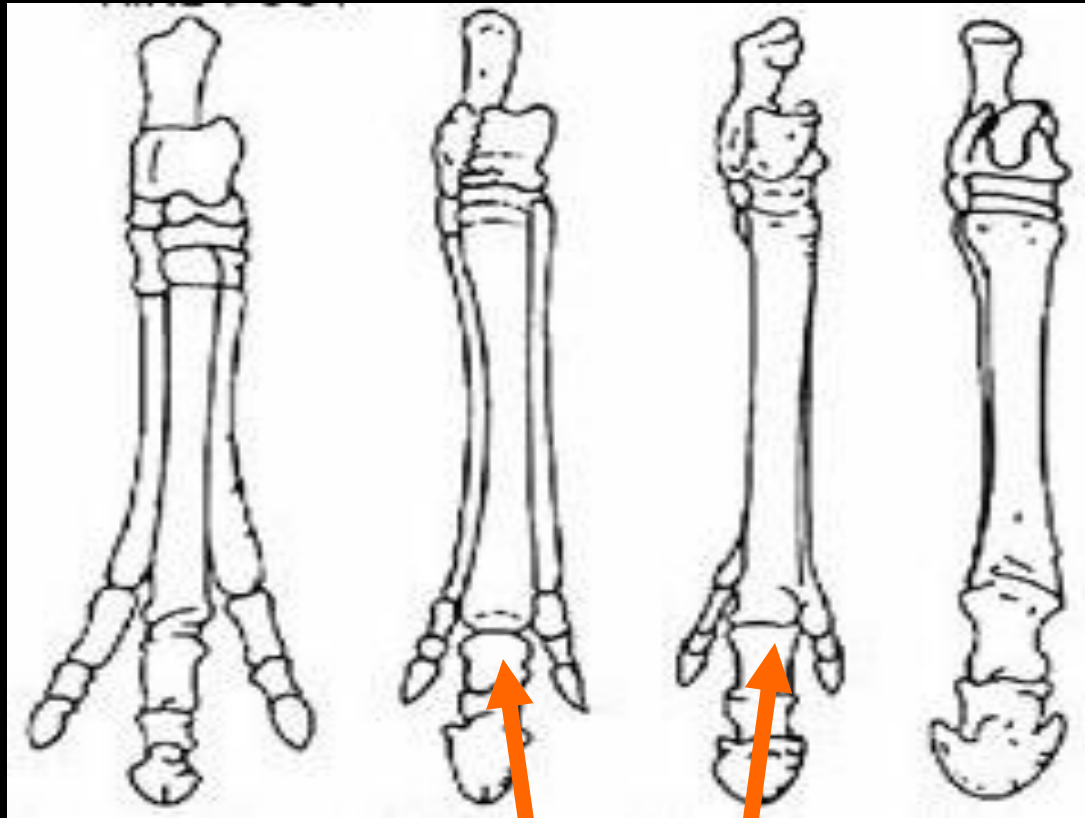
Bat

Bird



What about similarities?





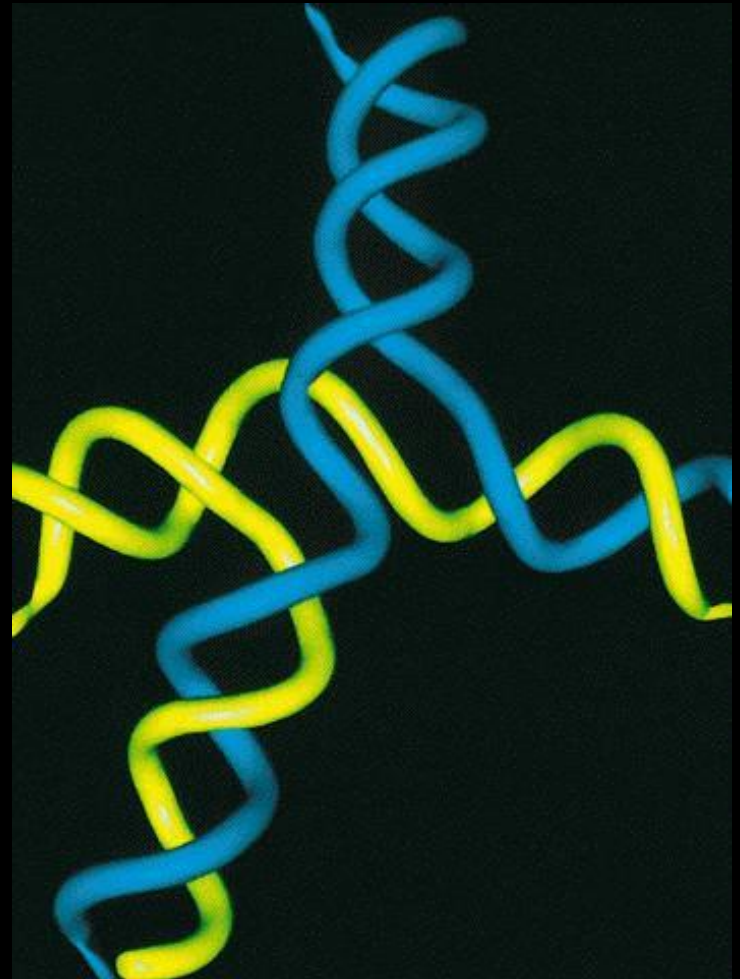
transition forms

How much can a population change?



Neo-Darwinian Evolution

mutations are
needed to enhance
natural selection



**a change in a DNA
sequence**



HE HAS FOUR CATS



HE HAS FXUR CATS

HE HAS FOUR CATS



HE HAS OUR CATS



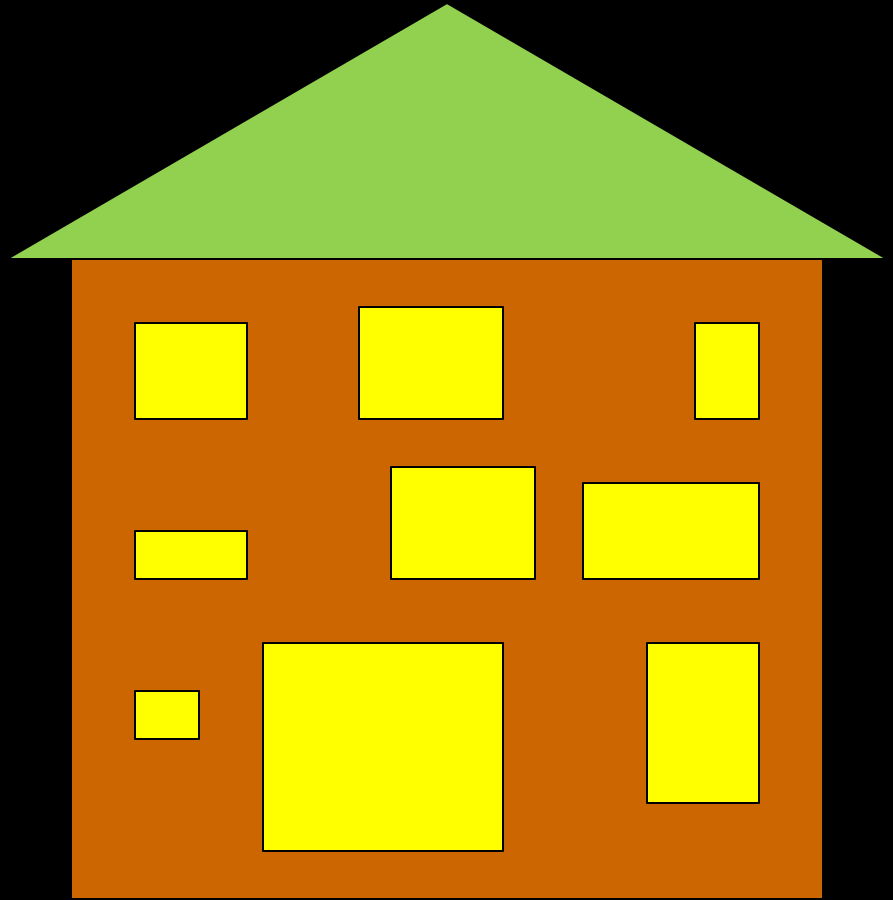
SHE HAS OUR CATS



SHE HAS OUR HATS

**Can an accident
make something
better?**







concerning the
lack of transition
forms
observed...

**“...the trade-
secret of
paleontology”**

Stephen J. Gould

**“What good is half a jaw or
half a wing?”**

Stephen J. Gould



Caudipteryx
Dinosaur/Bird

Punctuated Equilibrium...

**evolution happens quickly, in huge
“leaps”**

HE HAS FOUR CATS



WILLIAM SHATNER RULES



“Mutation: it is the key to our evolution. It has enabled us to evolve from a single-celled organism into the dominant species on the planet.”



“...This process is slow, normally taking thousands and thousands of years. But every few hundred millennia, evolution leaps forward.”



Rapid, multiple changes?

Punctuated Equilibrium...

(the hopeful monster theory)



Interpreting the data...



accident

confusion

chaos

chance

intent

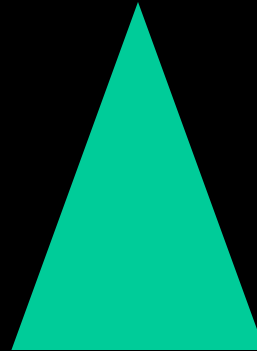
design

order

purpose

something

someone



Intelligent Design

there seems to be
an underlying
purpose in
everything

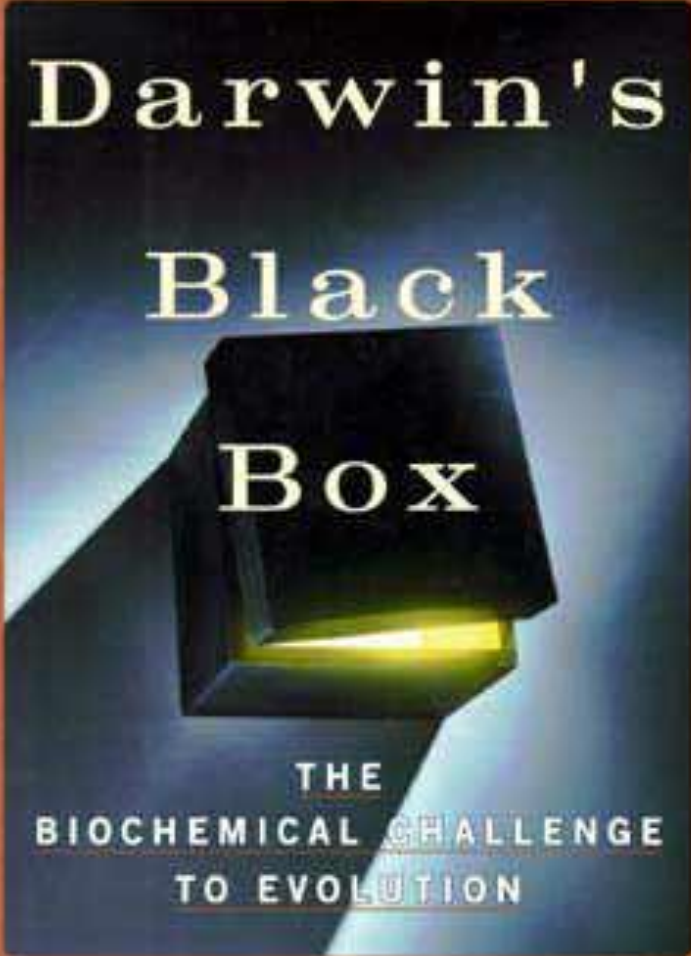






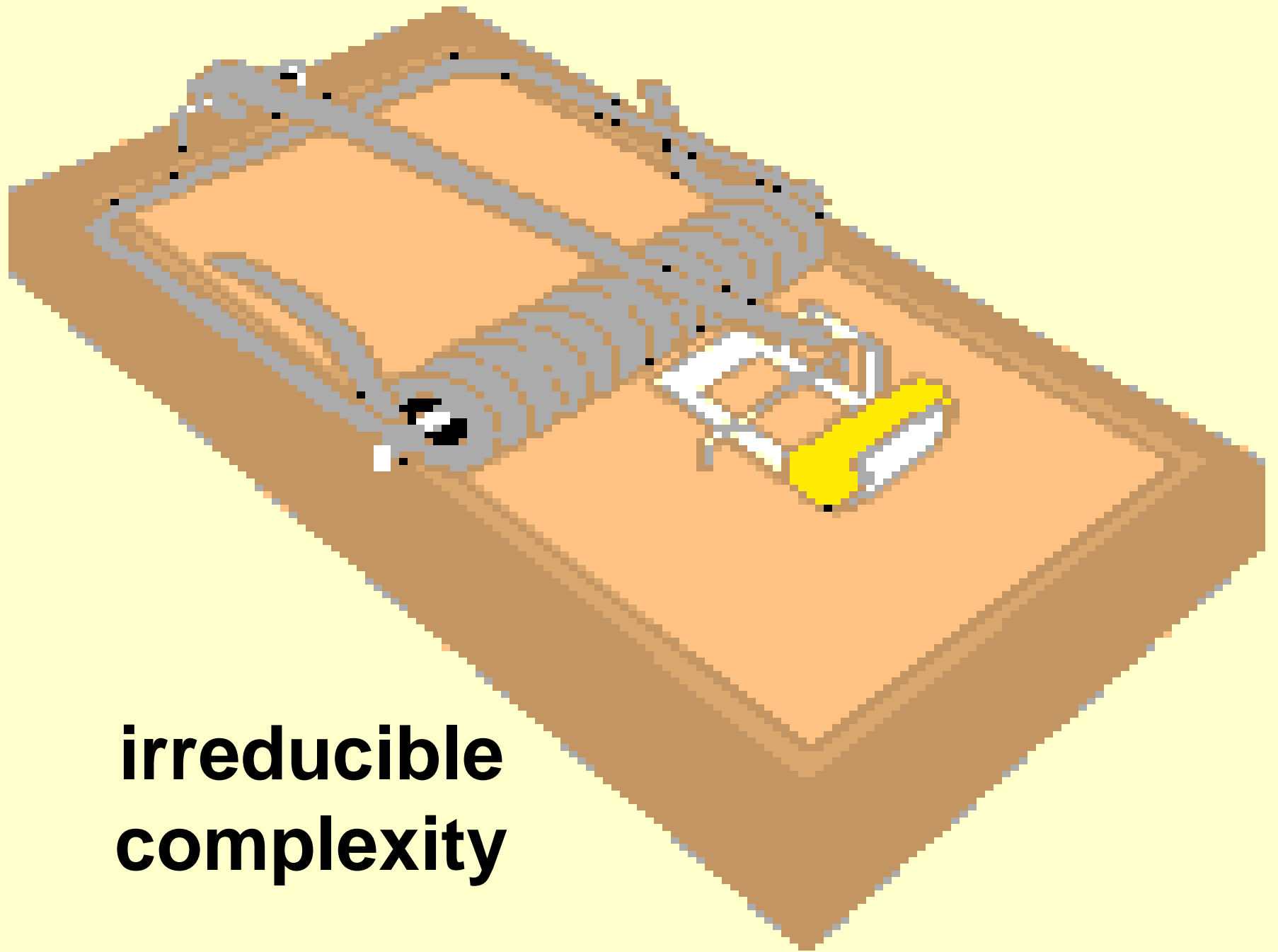
**The
improbability
of nature...**

Darwin's
Black
Box

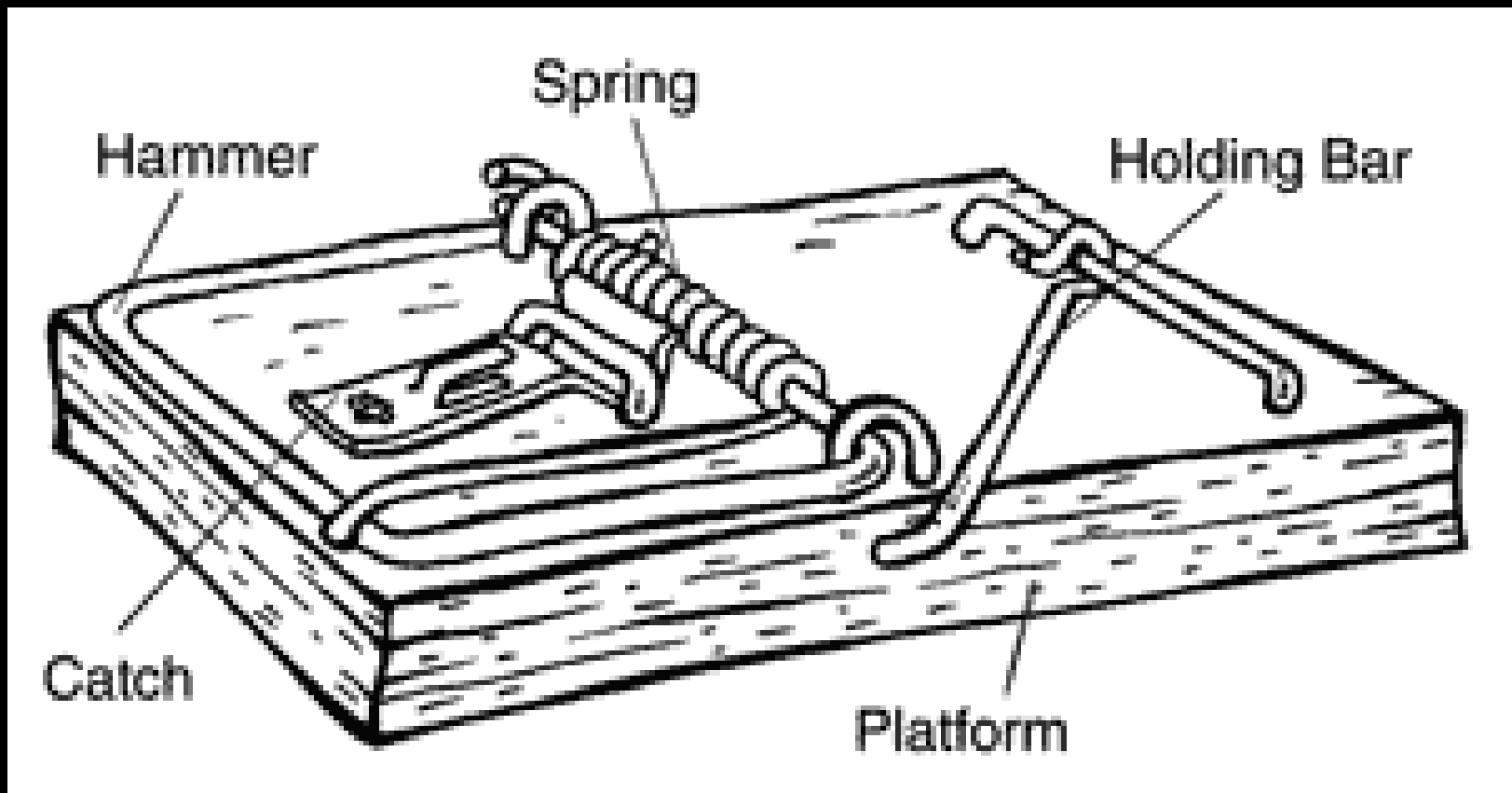


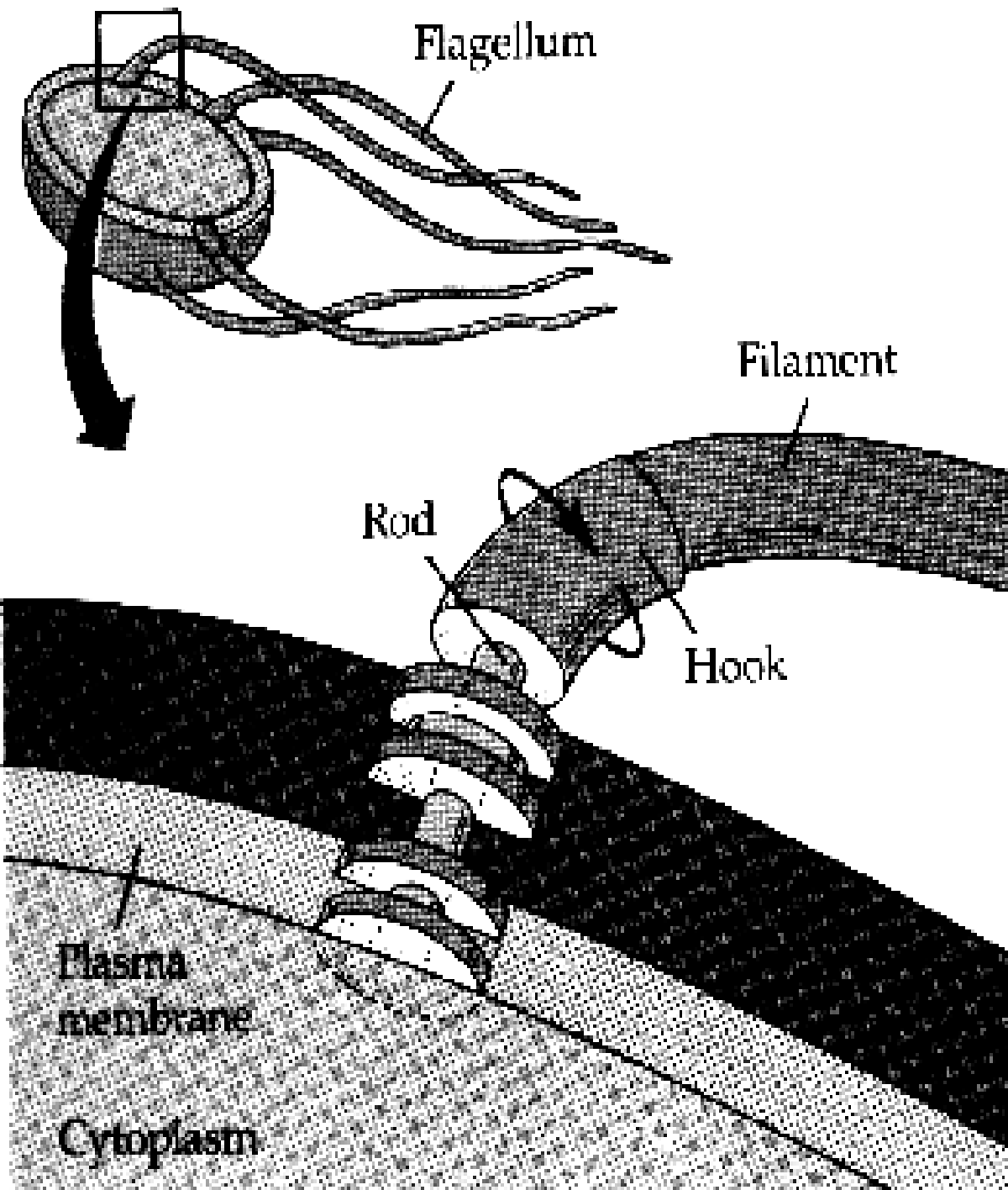
THE
BIOCHEMICAL CHALLENGE
TO EVOLUTION

MICHAEL J. BEHE



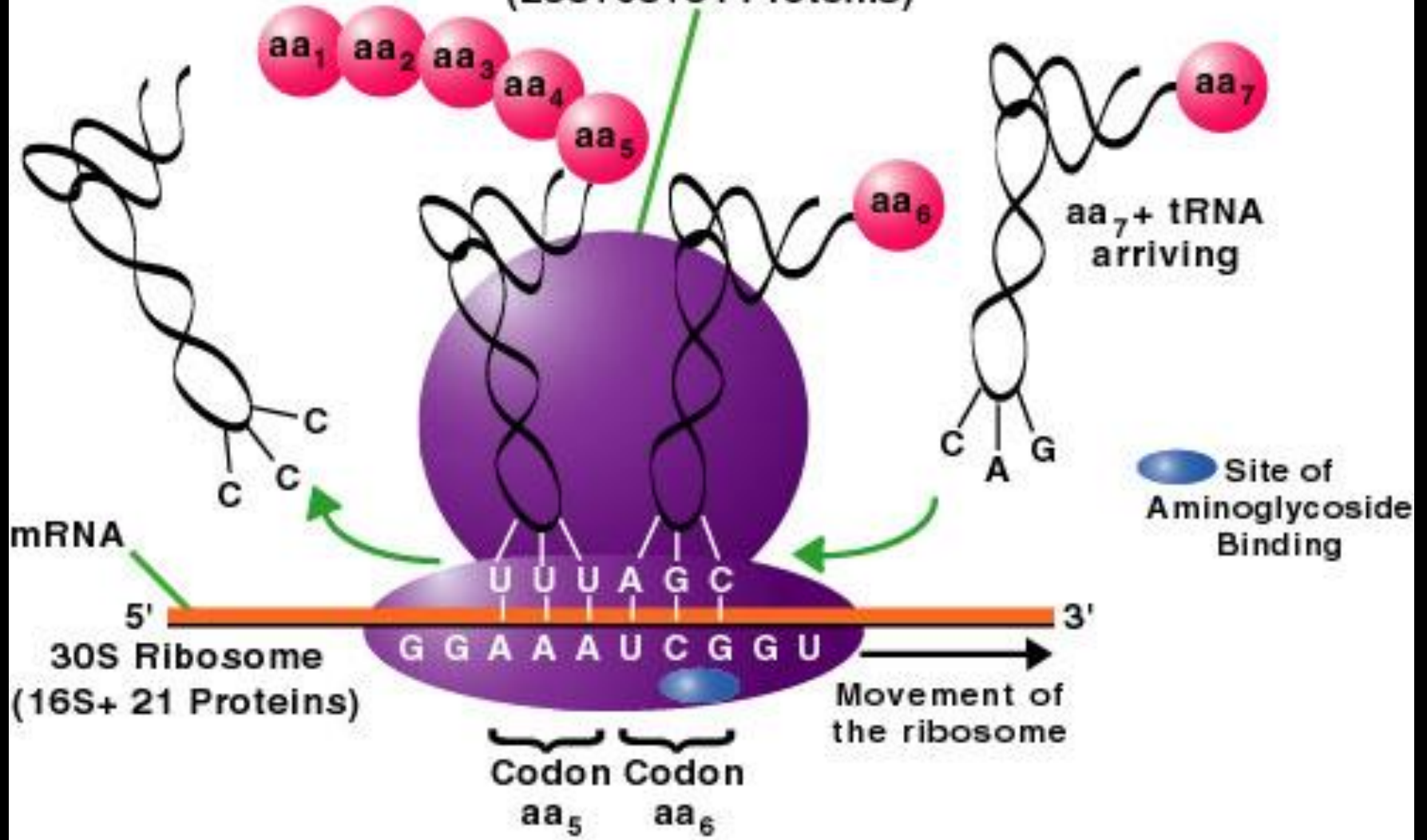
**irreducible
complexity**





**complex,
machine-like
parts of a
bacterial
flagellum**

50S Ribosome
(23S+5S+34 Proteins)





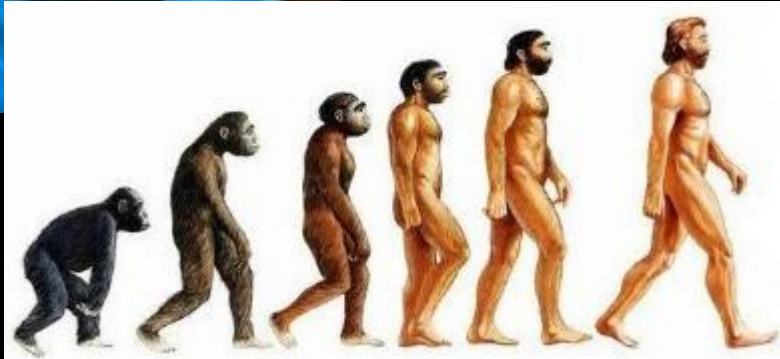
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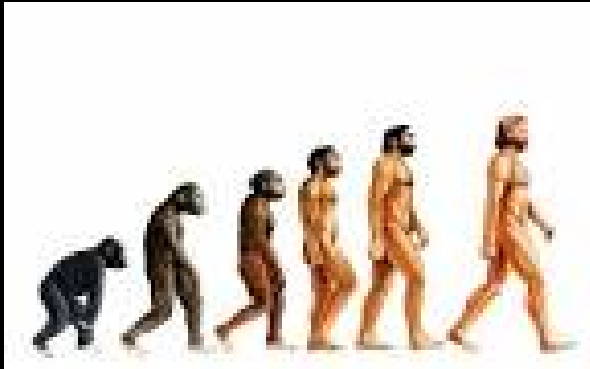
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Where is your faith?



Theistic Evolutionist...



**God made matter
and energy, but
stepped aside and
watched it all just
happen**



Progressive Creationist...

**God uses mostly
natural events, but
steps in
occasionally to “fix”
things**

***Short Day
Creationist...***

(young-earth creationist)

According to Genesis 1...

day 1 - separate light from dark

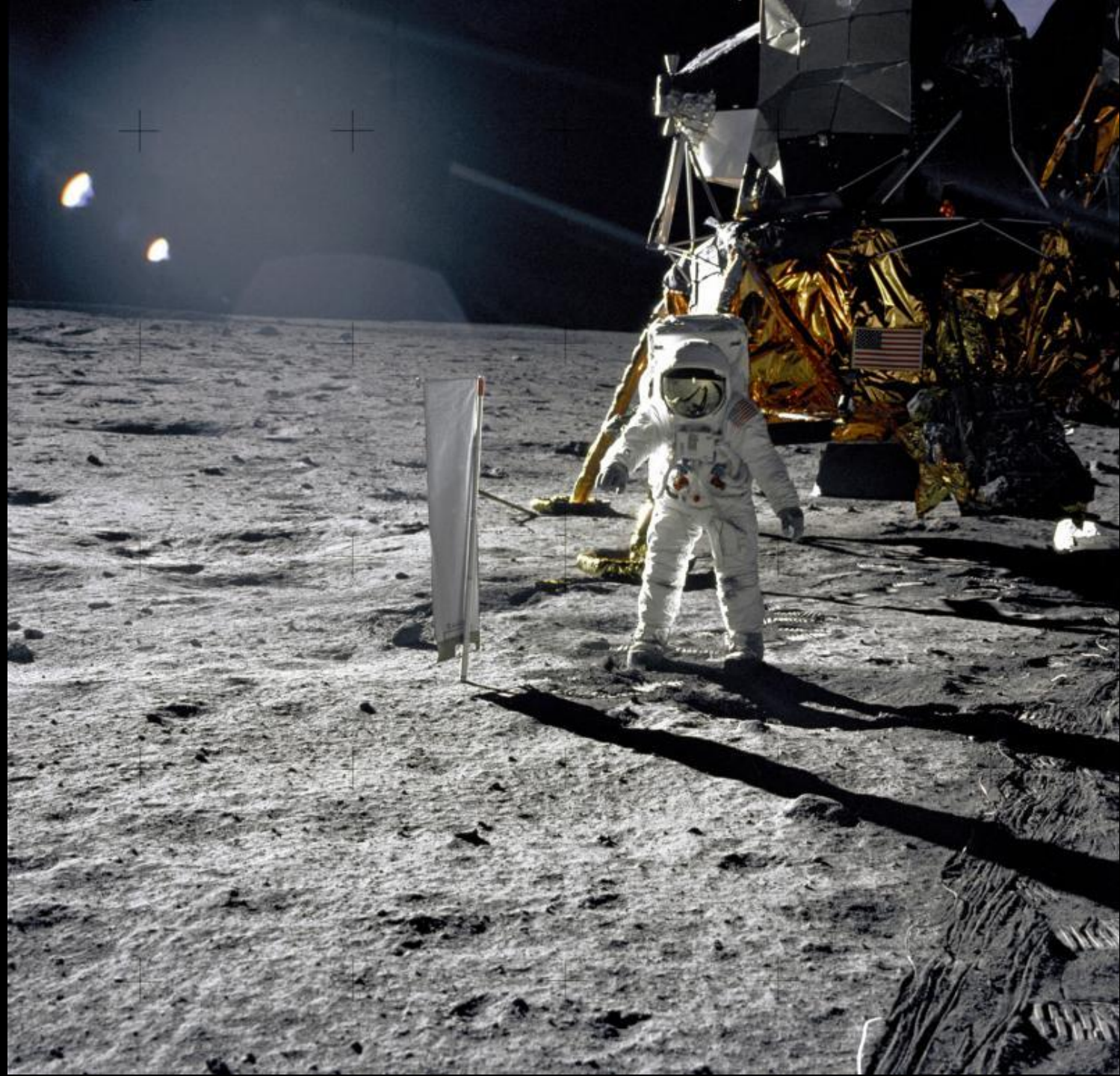
day 2 - separate upper and lower waters

day 3 - land and plants

day 4 - sun, moon, stars

day 5 - birds, fish

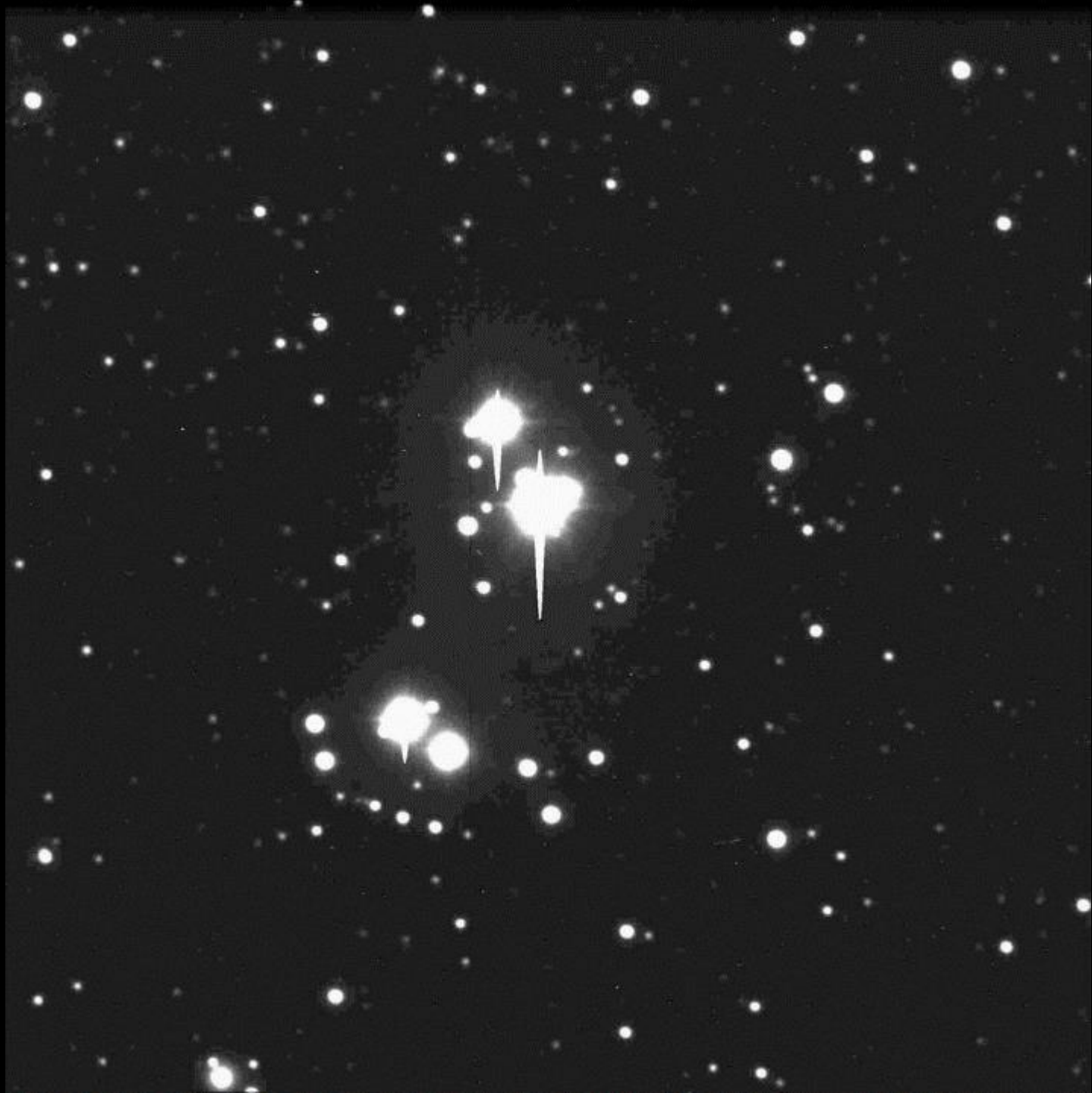
day 6 - other animals, man





***Would (did)
God create
things that
just look old?***





Speed of Light: 299,792 km/sec



Earth to moon: 1.29 light seconds



Earth to Sun: 8 light minutes



Earth to Mars: 12.7 light minutes



Earth to Proxima Centauri (nearest star): 4.3 light years



Earth to the other side of our own Milky Way Galaxy: 52,000 light years.



***Long Day
Creationists...***
(old-earth creationist)

day/age theory

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Gap Creationist...

**2 creation events
with time in between**

1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

2 The earth was without form and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

more liberal



Naturalistic Evolutionist

Theistic Evolutionist

Progressive Evolutionist

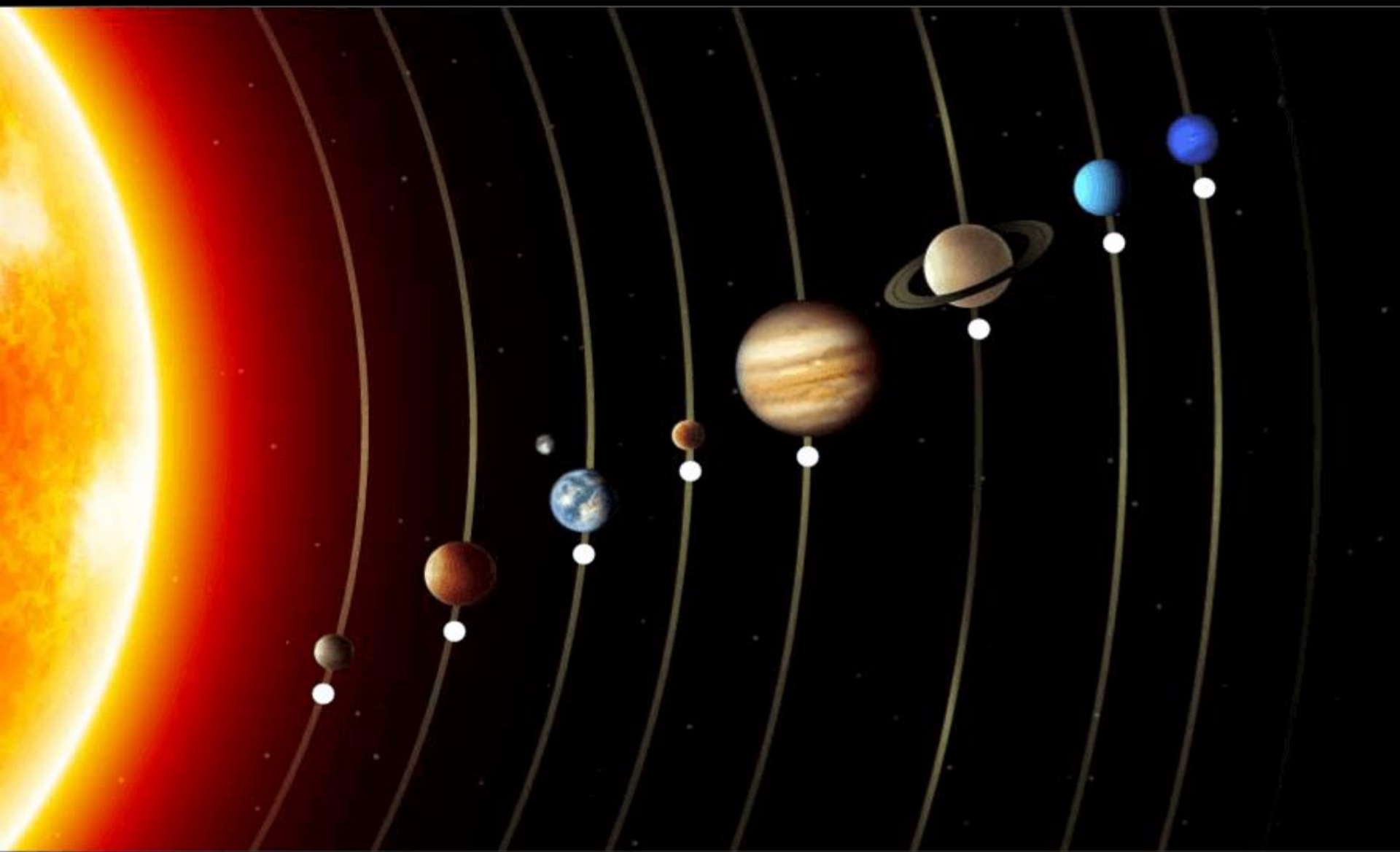
Old Earth Creationist

Gap Creationist



Young Earth Creationist

more conservative





Big Bang?

