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Workshops

Hitler's Worldview

There's no doubt Adolph Hitler believed in evolution, but to what extent did that belief affect his actions? You might say he caught the "*survival of the fittest*" ball and ran with it, declaring the Aryan race to be "*the fittest*".

There's no doubt that Hitler was inspired by the Bible when he wrote *Mein Kampf*. Several passages directly reference the creator and Hitler was of course a Catholic. Some Biblical passages condone racism. Does that mean that we can attribute his worldview to Catholicism?

Evolution Going the Wrong Way

Instead of providing new levels of the genome info, the DNA mutations actually cause that info to breakdown and deteriorate, which is the opposite of what the neoDarwinist would have you believe.

Most mutations are neutral, some are deleterious, and a few are beneficial. Because the beneficial mutations increase fitness and the deleterious decrease fitness, natural selection ensures that beneficial mutations stay in the genome and deleterious are mostly eliminated.

The Discovery of Design

Biomimicry is a new science that studies nature's models and uses these designs and processes to solve human problems. Dr. DeYoung cites examples which reveal intelligent design & challenges the long held beliefs of naturalism.

Biomimicry is a fascinating area of research that is testament to how adaptations solve design problems in nature. Evolutionary explanations of complex features of living organisms challenge the ancient view that such systems must have had an intelligent designer.

Today's Astronomy

In this workshop Dr. DeYoung covers an array of topics ranging from the origin of the moon to the search for life on other planets. The *giant impact hypothesis* proposes that the moon formed as a result of a colossal impact between the young Earth and another object the size of Mars. The search for life on other planets is a scientific endeavor that continues to this day.

The Big Bang is FAKE

The Big Bang may be the latest fad and a popular TV show, but the evidence just isn't there. Dr. Jackson examines the evidence and presents a viable model that aligns with the facts.

There is plenty of scientific evidence for the Big Bang model of the origin of the Universe. For example, astronomers have observed galaxies 13 billion light-years away, and the cosmic microwave background radiation is consistent with the Universe forming about 13.8 billion years ago.

Natural Selection is NOT Evolution

Contrary to popular belief, they're not the same, and Dr. Jackson explains.

Correct. Natural selection is one mechanism by which evolution occurs. There are many other factors involved in evolution, such as genetic drift, mutation, transposable elements, sexual recombination, sexual selection, inbreeding, and extinction, to name just a few. Exciting stuff!

Lenski's Experiment

Since 1988 Dr. Richard Lenski has been conducting an experiment in an attempt to prove evolution and, though he has yet to prove evolution, the one thing he has proven is this: Degeneration is a biological fact.

Though his exciting experiment Rich Lenski has directly observed evolution as it unfolds in the bacterium *E. coli*. The trend after more than 60,000 generations is that the bacteria continue to accumulate beneficial mutations that increase their fitness.

Mendel's Accountant vs. Avida

The Avida & Mendel programs are two computer simulations that are pitted against each other in this digital duel. With one promoting evolution, and the other promoting Creation, Dr. Sanford compares the two, examines the data, and arrives at some remarkable conclusions.

Avida is a computer program invented by three professors at MSU. Digital organisms in the program have been observed to adapt, speciate, and evolve a multitude of different solutions to various problems that they are challenged with. Hundreds of Avida papers have been published. Nobody uses Mendel's Accountant.

Further reading

Mein Kampf	archive.org/stream/meinkampf035176mbp/meinkampf... (pp. 84 and 392)
Mutation	wikipedia.org/wiki/Mutation
Natural selection	wikipedia.org/wiki/Natural_selection
Biomimicry	wikipedia.org/wiki/Biomimetics
Irreducible complexity	wikipedia.org/wiki/Irreducible_complexity
Giant impact hypothesis	wikipedia.org/wiki/Giant_impact_hypothesis
Extra-terrestrial life	wikipedia.org/wiki/Extraterrestrial_life
The Big Bang	wikipedia.org/wiki/Big_Bang
Evolution	wikipedia.org/wiki/Evolution
Genetic drift	wikipedia.org/wiki/Genetic_drift
Lenski's experiment	wikipedia.org/wiki/E._coli_long-term_evolution_experiment
Mendel's Accountant	mendelsaccount.sourceforge.net
Avida	avida.devosoft.org