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# **REASONS TO BELIEVE**

Lesson 5 – God and Evolution

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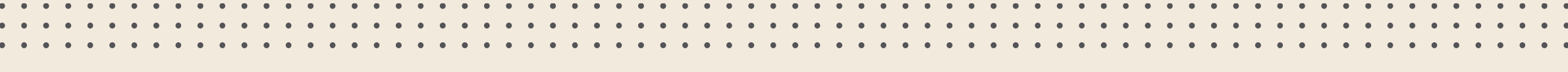


# INTRODUCTION

*Genesis 1:1-3*

*Is naturalistic evolution a viable alternative to God as Creator?*

We believe God is Creator. Evolutionists believe life happened by chance. *Both are positions of faith – which one is more reasonable?*





# SCIENCE AND GOD



**Do science and God contradict or corroborate one another?**

If God created the universe, he also created science and the “laws” by which the universe operates.

Isaiah 40:12, 21-22, 26

Job 38:4-6, 8-11, 31-33



# SCIENCE AND GOD



What are science's benefits? What are its limits?

Science cannot prove non-material things, like thoughts, morality, and emotions.

*An observation of the facts leads to interpretation of those facts.*

The battle isn't between biased Christians and unbiased science – we all have bias!



# THE MIND OF AN EVOLUTIONIST



## Thought Process –

*Observes the world and tries to make sense of it through science alone.*

*Asks, “Where did diversity of life come from?”*

*Proposes this is explained through evolution.*

*Concludes this happened purely through naturalistic chance and random processes.*



# THE MIND OF AN EVOLUTIONIST



## Naturalism

A philosophical worldview seeking to answer “what exists?” by asserting the natural world is all there is.

## Evolution

A scientific theory seeking to answer “how did life develop?” by asserting life can be traced to a common ancestor.

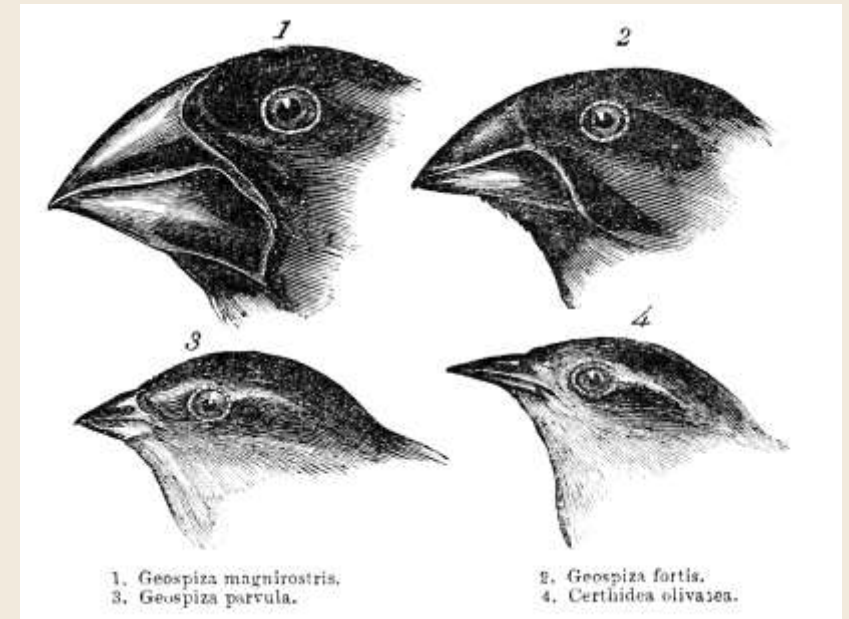
***Combined, these two ideas create a system without God.***

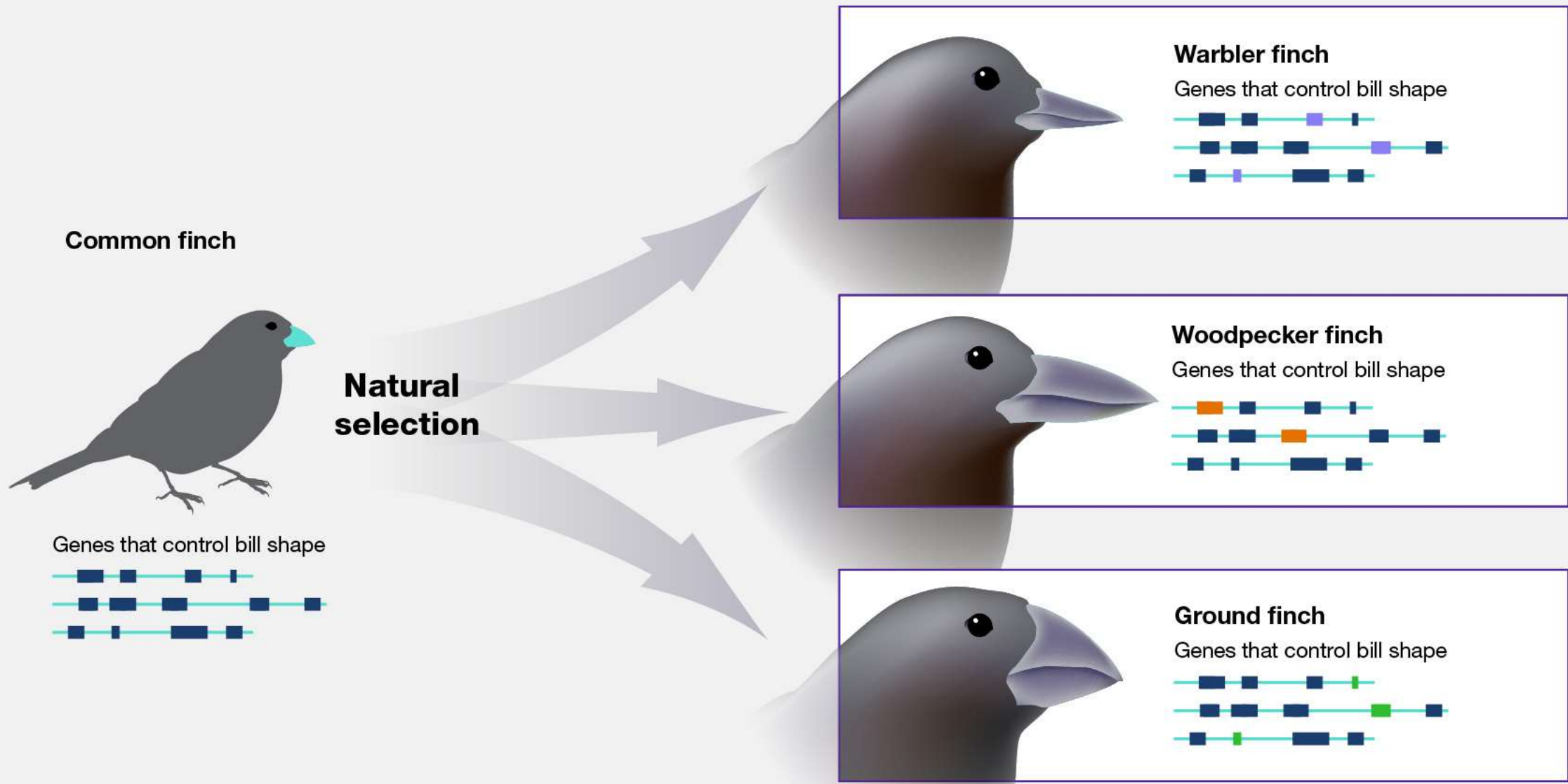
# EVOLUTION

## Definition

*In biology, evolution is the change in the characteristics of a species over several generations and relies on the process of natural selection. The theory of evolution is based on the idea that all species are related and gradually change over time. Evolution relies on there being genetic variation in a population which affects the physical characteristics of an organism. Some of these characteristics may give the individual an advantage over other individuals which they can then pass on to their offspring.*

<https://yourgenome.org/facts/what-is-evolution/>





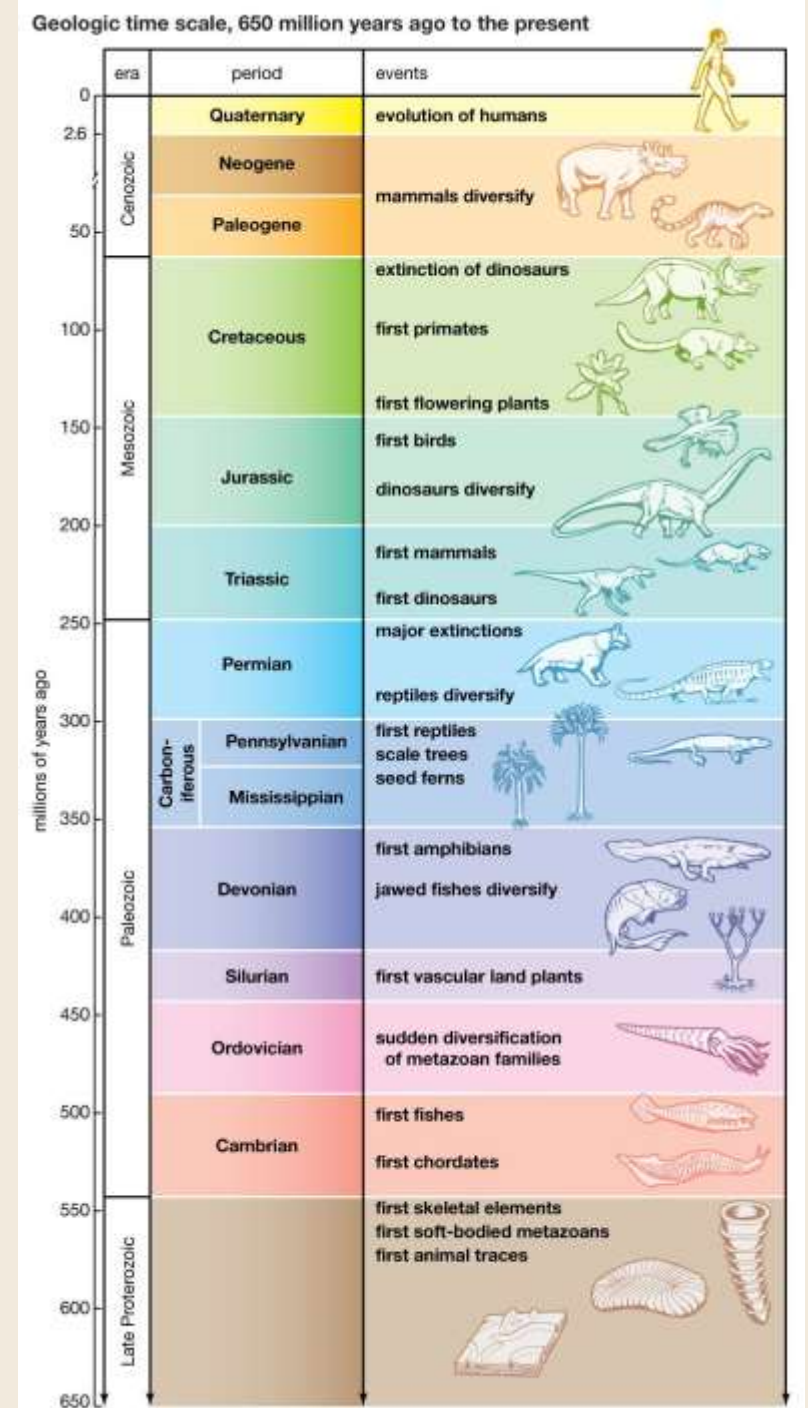


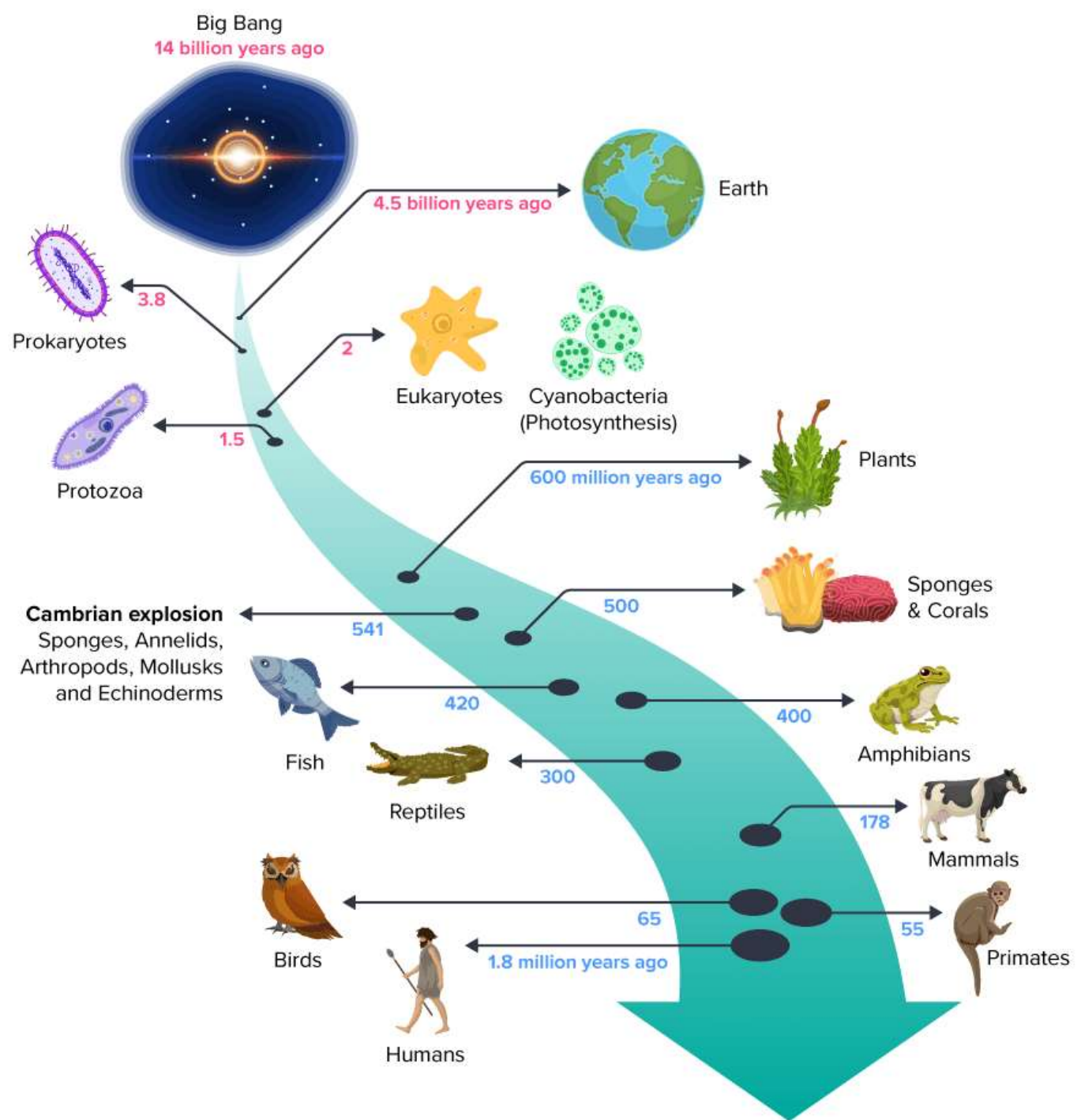
# EVOLUTION

## Definition

*Biological evolution is change in the properties of groups of organisms over the course of generations...it embraces everything from slight changes in the proportions of different forms of a gene within a population to the alterations that led from the earliest organism to dinosaurs, bees, oaks, and humans.”*

<https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/evolution/>







# **MICRO- VS. MACRO-**

## **Microevolution**

Relatively small changes within a species leading to variety

Examples – finch beaks, dog breeds, human skin color

## **Macroevolution**

Dramatic changes leading to the creation of new species

Examples – fish to amphibians to humans



# **MICRO- VS. MACRO-**



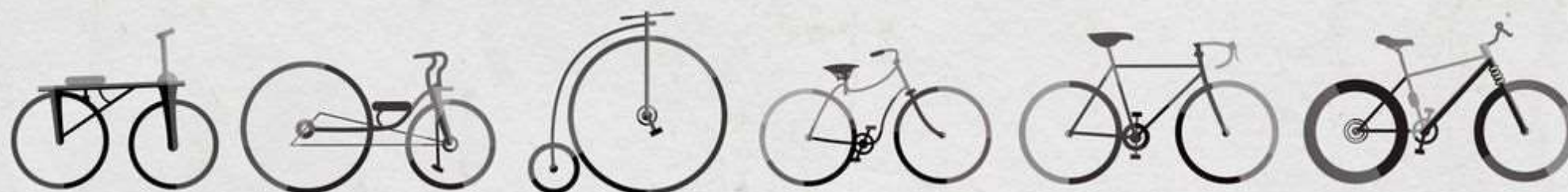
## **Problems**

Observation – microevolution is observed everywhere, whereas macroevolution has never been observed (time, missing links)

Information – natural selection can only “choose” from information that already exists, not create new information

# EVOLUTION OF THE BICYCLE

FROM 1817 TO 2000



1817

DRAISINE

1830

TRICYCLE VELOCIPEDE

1870

HIGH-WHEEL BICYCLE

1885

SAFETY BICYCLE

1960

RACING BIKE

2000

MOUNTAIN BIKE





**SPORTBIKE**



**STANDARD/NAKED**



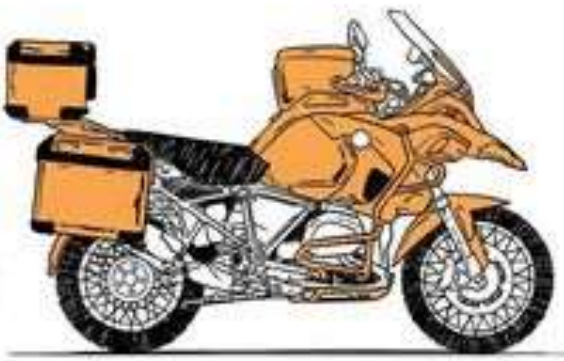
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# UNANSWERED QUESTIONS



Evolution cannot explain where life came from and how it began, and therefore is less reasonable than belief in God as Creator.

Evolution cannot explain the existence and reliability of intelligence, and therefore is less reasonable than belief in God as Designer.

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# CONCLUSION

It is more reasonable to believe in an intelligent and personal Creator, than to believe the universe and life is the result of random chance.

*Hebrews 11:3, Psalm 33:6-9*

