

What is Creation?

Narrow definition: sudden appearance of the earth and all life in its present form within past 10,000 years.

Broad definition: universe, earth, and life upon it owe their existence to a purposeful, intelligent Creator; we are the product of this Creator who created us for a purpose.

Rhetorical maneuver #1: evolutionists disprove something very narrow, then extrapolate to something very broad. The universe, earth and life have a long history --> there is no Creator!

What is Evolution?

Narrow definition: acknowledged capacity of existing genotype to vary within limits; limited adaptive modification of biological populations that result from environmental pressures (e.g., bacteria which evolve resistance to antibiotics; dark moths come to preponderate over light ones when industrial soot makes background trees darker)

Broad definition: creative process that formed bacteria, moths, trees, and humans from non-living matter through purposeless, naturalistic mechanisms that are known to science (mutation, natural selection); G. G. Simpson: "Man is the result of a purposeless and natural process that did not have him in mind." The Blind Watchmaker Hypothesis (BWH)

Rhetorical maneuver #2: prove something very narrow and extrapolate to something very broad. The peppered moth observation proves that natural selection has the power to create moths, trees and scientific observers!

Note: another hidden maneuver is that the right question is never asked. The real problem for the BWH is to account for the origin of new genetic information; it is not solved by providing illustrations of the acknowledged capacity of an existing genotype to vary within limits.

What is Science?

Imposing "rules of science" to protect and ideology:

- (1) Can't present negative evidence.
- (2) Can only replace existing paradigm with new (naturalistic) paradigm; not permissible to say "science doesn't know."
- (3) Extrapolation to methodological naturalism to