

## The Facts About The Fossils

Genesis 7:19-22 And the waters prevailed exceedingly on the earth, and all the high hills under the whole heaven were covered. 20 The waters prevailed fifteen cubits upward, and the mountains were covered. 21 And all flesh died that moved on the earth: birds and cattle and beasts and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every man.

"So that the number of intermediate and transitional links, between all living and extinct species, must have been inconceivably great. But assuredly, if this theory be true, such have lived upon the earth."

(Charles Darwin, "The Origin Of Species", p.309)

"The really crucial evidence for evolution must be provided by the paleontologist."  
(W. Le Gros Clark, Discovery, January, 1955, p.7)

"The pattern that we were told to find for the last 120 years does not exist."  
(Niles Eldredge, The Enterprise, November 14, 1980, pE9)

"The known fossil record is not, and never has been, in accord with [slow evolution]."  
(Steven Stanley, The New Evolutionary Timetable, p.71)

"We paleontologist have said that the history of life supports [the story of gradual adaptive change], all the while really knowing that it does not."  
(Niles Eldredge, "Time Frames", p.59)

"The Extreme rarity of transitional forms in the fossil record persist as the trade secret of paleontology. The evolutionary trees that adorn our textbooks have data only at the tips and nodes of their branches; the rest is inference, however reasonable, not the evidence of fossils."  
(Steven Jay Gould, "Evolutions Erratic Pace," Natural History, May 1977)

"The history of most fossil species includes two features inconsistent with gradualism: 1. Stasis-Most species exhibit no directional change during their tenure on earth. They appear in the fossil record looking much the same as when they disappear; morphological change is usually limited and directionless. 2. Sudden Appearance-In any local are, a species does not arise gradually by the steady transformation of its ancestors; it appears all at once and "fully formed."  
(Steven Jay Gould, "Evolutions Erratic Pace," Natural History, May 1977)

"Practically all orders or families known appear suddenly and without any apparent transitions."  
(Richard Goldschmidt, American Scientist, 40:97 (1952)

"to the unprejudiced, the fossil record of plants is in favor of special creation."  
(E.J.H. Corner, "Contemporary Botanical Thought" 1961, p.97)

"The case at present must remain inexplicable, and may be truly urged as a valid argument against the views here entertained."  
(Charles Darwin, "The Origin of The Species", p.322)