

Review: Henry M. Morris, *Evolution in Turmoil*, Creation-Life Publishers, San Diego, CA, 1982

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Evolution's Eternal Crisis

This covers Abiogenesis, mutations, the fossil record, evolutionary stasis, and the philosophical link between Evolutionists. As a result, what Morris writes is evergreen, and there are some excellent incriminating quotes from a time when Evolutionists were more honest regarding their ignorance.

Introduction (pp. 11-13)

I) Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life: No Way to Begin (pp. 1-35)

Any primitive biologically active molecules would be immediately destroyed by oxidation in any 'early oxidising' atmosphere.

Dr John Gribbin: "It used to be widely thought ... the ... 'primitive' atmosphere ... was ... 'reducing' ... with no oxygen but rich in hydrocarbons such as methane and ammonia." [p17]

"Recent ... studies seem to favor an early oxidised atmosphere rich in CO₂, and possibly containing free molecular oxygen." [p91]

"We do not yet understand even the general features of the origin of the genetic code ... The origin of the genetic code is the most baffling aspect of the problem of the origins of life, and a major conceptual or experimental breakthrough may be needed before we can make any substantial progress." [p22], Leslie Orgel, *Darwinism at the Very Beginning of Life*, New Scientist, V94, April 15, 1982, p151

"The first organising principle ... had to tolerate an enormous overburden of small molecules ... biologically 'wrong' but chemically possible ... early life forms needed somehow to extract chemical energy from the ...

soups ... some system of energy ... based on phosphates can be assumed.” [p23], Manfred Eige et al., *The Origin of Genetic Information*, Scientific American, V244, April 1981, p88

“Solar energy perpetually bathes the building materials resting on a construction site, and these constitute a patently open system, but it would never in a million years organise these components into a building.” [p28]

II) The Twilight of Neo-Darwinism: Natural Selection in Limbo (pp. 36-59)

“Natural selection is a force which somehow causes survivors to survive.”

The Evolutionist delights in “retrodicting: the ‘wonders of past evolution’.

Insect pesticide resistance was first reported in 1947 for *Musca domestica* with DDT.

E. coli stabilised ‘a billion years ago’, and *Drosophila melanogaster* hasn’t changed since the remotest times.

“The fundamental tenet of the molecular clock hypothesis is that evolutionary rates of homologous proteins are regular ... uniform protein divergence rates.” [p56]

III) Where Have All The Fossils Gone?: The Case of the Lost Connections (pp. 60-112)

Archaeopteryx was not a transitional with inefficient changing structures, rather, a fully-functional mosaic.

Eohippus was probably a hyrax.

“Hegel’s dialectical materialism, which was adopted by Marx as Communist dogma ... is the ... ‘state religion’ ... of those nations which have become Communist.” [p101]

‘Little’ mutations are harmless, but ‘big’ ones are lethal.

Hurricanes or other ‘dissipative structures’ are claimed to create order via ‘perturbations’.

The ‘old’ Evolutionists were capitalist, the new Socialists.

IV) Anti-Creationist Hysteria: The Return of Creationism (pp. 113-139)

Morris wrote *The Genesis Flood* in 1961.

The Creation Research Society was founded 1963, and the Institute for Creation Research in 1970.

AI can pass the Turing Test under the right circumstances.

V) Christian Evolution and Flaming Snowflakes: Evolution and the Compromising Christian (pp. 140-166)

VI) The Way of Peace: Peace or Turmoil (pp. 167-176)