

Review: Lita Cosner, *Evolutionists Say the Strangest Things, Surprising Admissions From Leading Scientists*, Creation Book Publishers, Powder Springs, GA, 2015

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Heed the Evolutionists!

This is an excellent collation of self-incriminating quotes by evolutionists across all fields: biology, geology, palaeontology, and cosmology. Each chapter often has added theory to explain the concepts behind the quotations.

In just the case of human evolution, if the quotes of Bernard Wood, David Page, Tim Friend, et al., were widely publicised in place of faux chimpanzee-to-man memes, no one would believe it anymore.

Perhaps some related chapters could have been grouped together under the same fields to make for a slightly less disjointed read.

Foreword (pp.1-2)

I) Philosophy Quotes (pp. 3-6)

Scientism has shamans: Carl Sagan, E. O. Wilson, Stephen Jay Gould, Richard Dawkins, Stephen Hawking, and Jared Diamond.

Richard Lewontin:”...we are forced by our *a priori* adherence to material causes...we cannot allow a Divine Foot in the door.”

Professors doubting evolution are ostracised, demoted, or fired.

II) Evolutionary Syncretism: the Problem With Theistic Evolution
(pp. 7-9)

Peter Enns of *BioLogos* wrote that Moses and Paul were wrong regarding Adam and Eve.

Denying creation in the Bible is not a good evangelistic strategy!

III) Evolution Opposes Christianity (pp. 10-13)

Dawkins said theistic evolution is a cop-out.

Thomas Nagel *wants* atheism to be true.

IV) The Power of Ideas: What You Believe Matters (pp. 14-16)

V) Evolution Opposes Christian Morality (pp. 17-19)

Hitler's *Mein Kampf* leaned on the biology of Ernst Haeckel.

VI) Thomas Nagel - the Atheist Who Dared to Question Materialism (pp. 20-22)

VII) Non-Creationist Criticisms of Current Evolutionary Theory (pp. 23-25)

VIII) Why Science Needed the Bible (pp. 26-28)

Many Eastern philosophies believe everything is an illusion.

Galileo Gallei (1564-1642) showed that weights fall at the same speed (apart from air resistance), which refuted the Greek philosophy that heavy objects fall faster.

“A multiverse is viewed as a cop-out conceived by physicists who have run out of answers.”

IX) Evolution Does Not Help Science Make Discoveries (pp. 29-30)

X) Created Kinds, Species, and Hybridisation (pp. 31-35)

The biological classification system is:

Species-->Genus-->Family-->Order-->Class-->Phylum-->Kingdom-->Domain

German Jesuit Athanasius Kitchner (1602-1680) said modern species developed by transmutation within a definite series of forms. At the heart of quantum mechanics anything goes.

XI) The Evolutionary ‘Tree of Life’ (pp. 36-38)

Phylogenetic trees are speculative.

Flowering plants (*angiosperms*) appear in the fossil record with a ‘bang’.

The Cambrian Explosion marked both the start of most phyla, and the end of evolutionary innovation. Since the Cambrian a single phylum has not evolved.

All body plans are ‘cryptogenic’.

XII) Creating Life in a Test-Tube (pp. 39-42)

A virus has no machinery to either sustain or reproduce itself.

XIII) Origin of Life (pp. 43-46)

Hot acidic waters containing clay do not provide the right conditions to self-assemble.

The deamination of cytosine by photochemical reactions creates severe constraints.

“The only acceptable explanation is creation.”

XIV) Designed by Aliens? (pp. 47-50)

Francis Crick proposed in *Life Itself* that primordial life was shipped to earth billions of years ago in spaceships.

XV) Life on Other Planets (pp. 51-52)

There is not a shred of evidence of any life on other planets.

XVI) The Lingering Death of Junk DNA (pp. 53-54)

Only 2% of DNA is coded for proteins.

Retro-transposons before protein-coding genes enable multiple readings so genes can produce different proteins using different starting points in the 'junk' DNA.

XVII) DNA and Genetics (pp. 55-57)

XVIII) Did Dinosaurs Evolve Into Birds (pp. 58-62)

Flight feathers are angled to also force air backwards.

Birds utilise an intricate pulley system.

Scales are skin folds but feathers are complex, aero-dynamically shaped structures with barbs, barbules, and hooks. Feather proteins are biochemically different from scale proteins.

Birds have an air-sac system that use their hollow bones; air flows in one direction while blood through the lung's vessels in the opposite direction. The sacs need a fixed thigh bone for support which is inside the body.

Archaeopteryx ('153Ma') was discovered in Bavaria, 1861, but there are too many birds which predate it to be a 'link'

Sinosauropteryx ('125Ma') has a bellows-like lung which could not have evolved into the lungs of modern birds.

XIX) Bird Evolution (pp. 63-65)

XX) Human Evolution: Oh-So Clear? (pp. 66-69)

Similarities might be due to strong tendency of mutations to occur at the same spots in the DNA.

In 2009 it was claimed that orangutans, not chimps, were our closest ancestor.

Some evolutionists propose an aquatic ancestor.

Peculiar human characteristics include walking upright, restricted sweat glands, ability to hold breath, subcutaneous fat, swimming at birth.

XXI) Human Evolution (pp. 70-76)

“The more we discover about our origins, the less we know.”

Chimps are “pan troglodytes” and their Y chromosomes are “horrendously different” to humans.

In 2001, Tim Friend said Lucy “looked very similar to a modern bonobo chimpanzee”.

Ardipithecus ramidus kadabba's teeth were more apelike, and its femur suggested nothing more than four-legged locomotion.

Ann Gibbons: Ida “has no convincing links to monkeys, apes, and humans.”

Chris Stringer: “We still don’t know what the last common ancestor of humans and chimpanzees looked like”. The likely time period was 5-7Ma.

XXII) Are Fossils Ever Found in the Wrong Place? (pp. 77-80)

‘Living fossils’ are also called ‘Lazarus taxa’.

Vertebrates have been pushed back into the Cambrian, where 50-85% of all phyla originate ‘suddenly’.

XXIII) Geology and Palaeontology (pp. 80-86)

Stephen Jay Gould: “The absence of fossil evidence for intermediary stages between major transitions...has been a persistent and nagging problem...”.

Large crystals in granitic rocks could have grown in hours.

Mudstones constitute two-thirds of the sedimentary record.

1963, November, an Atlantic fissure opened 30km south of Iceland and erupted for three years. In 1964, a fly was found on the shore, there were seeds and a white flower; Surtsey Island already has fossils!

XXIV) The Way It Really Is: Little-Known Facts About Radiometric Dating (pp. 87-92)

Before a rock’s age can be calculated the original radioactive elements must be assumed.

Crystals found in rocks formed before they solidified are called xenocrysts.

Radiometric dates are only accepted if they agree with what geologists already believe.

XXV) Radiometric Dating (pp. 93-94)

Two crude assumptions of a closed system and a decay chain in initial equilibrium must be assumed.

Ages which are either too high or low are commonly discarded.

XXVI) Double-Decade Dinosaur Disquiet (pp. 95-97)

XXVII) Dinosaur Demise (pp. 98-103)

A bone at an ideal 5°C would have every bond destroyed after a maximum of 6.8My, and the DNA unreadable after only 1.5My.

XXVIII) Bye-Bye, Big Bang?he Way It Really Is: Little-Known Facts About Radiometric Dating (pp. 104-107)

A quasar with an enormous red shift has been found in a nearby spiral galaxy with a much lower red shift.

QSOs (Quasi-Stellar Objects) are thought to be super-luminous black holes with 10^6 times more mass than the sun, and surrounded by a huge disc of material. The in-falling material causing huge energy emissions.

ULX is an ultra-luminous X-ray object.

Christian Doppler (1803-1853).

One creationist model has quasars ejected from active galaxies.

Quasar redshifts may be something intrinsic, rather than universal cosmological recession.

XXIX) Cosmology (pp. 109-110)

Doubt and dissent are not tolerated in cosmology and it is a very large intellectual edifice based on very few facts.

Repeatable experiments cannot be done in cosmology.

XXX) Big Bang (pp. 111-114)

Either there is nothing to begin with (no quantum vacuum and no time), or there is something.

The Big Bang fails in three ways: the universe's temperature, expansion of the cosmos, and the presence of galaxies.

XXXI) Is 'String' the Next Big Thing? (pp. 115-119)

In May, 2004, 'An Open Letter to the Scientific Community' sceptical of the Big Bang had 400 signatories.

David Gross: "We don't know what we are talking about."

Classical physics treats particles as zero-dimensional objects, but quantum mechanics recognises they can also function as waves. String theory posits they exist as one-dimensional loops that cut across nine spatial and one time dimension.

XXXII) String Theory (pp. 120-121)

String theory is just a hunch.

XXXIII) The Multiverse (pp. 122-123)

XXXVI) Inflation, Dark Matter, Dark Energy (pp. 124-126)

Cristiano Germani: "We don't have any fundamental physical explanation for how or why it occurred."

Ben Moore: “10,000 papers...more than a billion dollars, and we still know almost nothing about the nature of dark matter.”

Michael Brooks: “...there is not enough mass in the galaxies to produce the observed spin.”

XXXVII) Solar System Origin: Nebular Hypothesis (pp. 127-130)

High density favours collapse, but high temperature expansion. The minimum mass required for collapse is called the Jeans Mass (M_j). According to the big bang, initial temperatures were so high that M_j would have been 100,000 times the sun.

The Law of Conservation of Angular Momentum ($M \times V \times d$ [from centre of mass]).

The slow-spinning sun has only 2% of the solar system’s angular momentum.

The sun has an axial tilt of 7.167° away from the ecliptic, as defined by earth’s orbit. Jupiter’s orbital inclination is 1.308° .

Any ‘solar nebula’ would have dissipated long before Jupiter’s core would have had a chance to grow.

All planets should exhibit prograde motion, however, Venus’ is *retrograde*.

XXXVIII) Star Formation (pp. 131-132)

Abraham Loeb: “We don’t understand star formation at a fundamental level.”

John A. Eddy: “The sun is $4.5\text{-}5 \times 10^9$ years old. I suspect.”

XXXIX) Galaxies (pp. 133-134)

Karl Glazebrook: “we found highly developed galaxies that just shouldn’t have been there.”

XL) Planets in Our Solar System (pp. 135-137)

Electrostatic forces operate at the surface of an object; the greater the surface area of nearby objects, the greater the likelihood that this force can pull them together.

The Copernican principle is that the earth is not in a central position.

XLI) Extrasolar Planets (pp. 138-139)

ESI is the Earth Similarity Index.

XLII) Fraud in Science (pp. 140-144)

Richard Horton: “...the system of peer review is biased, unjust, unaccountable, incomplete, easily fixed, often insulting, usually ignorant, occasionally foolish, and frequently wrong.”

XLIII) Media (pp. 145-146)

Andrew Watson: “*Walking With Dinosaurs*...is a work of creative fantasy.”

XLIV) Evolutionary Psychology (pp. 147-148)