

Why I Believe Common Descent is Not True – by Tony Feiger

1) The Fossil Evidence

The fossil evidence does not show the gradual change predicted by Charles Darwin. Instead, fully formed organisms show up suddenly in the fossil record and the designs remain stable over time.

Furthermore, common descent predicts few phyla at first, then gradually more as time progresses. Yet the evidence shows most phyla appearing in the oldest layers with few new ones appearing thereafter.

2) Genetic Evidence

If common descent were true, then the genetic information should back up the phylogenetic (ancestral) trees based on homology (similar body plans). However, the study of differences in genetic material result in different histories, depending upon which protein or mirco-RNA is chosen.

3) Genetic Entropy

Common descent assumes that natural selection acting on random mutations can move a species forward, improving and adapting to new environments. However, Population Genetics shows that for many species, including humans, the accumulation of deleterious mutations results in a loss of genetic fitness, leading to eventual extinction. This gradual loss of fitness is known as genetic entropy.