

The Attackers: Natural Selection: It's Tragic Flaw: Assigns Volition to Inorganic Matter; Exchanges God for the Created Things as the Source of Life: Trends toward Idolatry, e.g., the Green Movement's Drift toward Earth Worship; Charles Clough on Evolutionists' Lack of Evidence for Transitional Species, 1 Cor 15:39; the Minor Catastrophism at Mount Saint Helens; Creation: the Biblical Record Is Closest Source to the Time of the Event: Line of Christ from Adam to David

Natural selection: A natural process that results in the survival and reproductive success of individuals or groups best adjusted to their environment and that leads to the perpetuation of genetic qualities best suited to that particular environment.¹

25. But what implication is suggested by this definition? The word "selection":

1: the act or process of selecting. 2: choice. 3: A natural or artificial process that results or tends to result in the survival and propagation of some individuals or organisms but not of others with the result that the inherited traits of the survivors are perpetuated — compare Darwinism, Natural Selection. Syn see Choice.²

26. As innocuous as the word may appear in the term "natural selection" the implication is that natural forces have the ability to choose.

27. When natural selection is analyzed as the cause of species change, it becomes clear that the supernatural intervention of divine choice is replaced by the allegedly innate intervention of nature's choice.

28. The conclusion that must be reached is there is an animating force in nature capable of making volitional decisions which lead to the worship of the created things rather than the Creator.

29. The Web site of Henry Morris's Institute for Creation Research contains numerous articles that expand on the doctrine of creation. One particular article addresses the argument held by many that natural selection leads to idolatry:

¹ *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*, 11th ed., s.v.: "natural selection."

² *Ibid.*, s.v.: "selection."

Selection is idolatrous in the basest of ways. Not only does it ascribe intelligence-like powers to unconscious environmental features, like any other idol, but it induces people *not* to give the Lord credit for the incredible intelligence and machinery He has built into His creatures that enable them to adapt to environmental features.³

30. Heathen societies in world history have almost all been to some degree involved in the worship of the creation. Sacrifices have been made to the sun, moon, stars, constellations, and of course the earth itself in hopes of them naturally selecting benefits to their admirers, such as rain, sunshine, advice, prophecy, progeny, and general well-being.
31. Many cultures have gone so far in their worship as to sacrifice the lives of some of its members to prolong or protect the lives of the rest.
32. The environmental movement of our present-day is moving toward a reverence for the planet. Although the politicians use it as a rhetorical veil to conceal while advancing its hidden statist agenda, the general public has bought into the movement's propaganda as is evidenced by the growth of the Green movement which has its own definitions in the dictionary:

green *adj* 10 *a often cap*: relating to or being an environmentalist political movement *b*: concerned with or supporting environmentalism *c*: tending to preserve environmental quality (as by being recyclable, biodegradable, or nonpolluting).

green *n* 6 *often cap*: ENVIRONMENTALIST; *esp*: a member of an activist political party focusing on environmental and social issues.⁴

33. The Green movement is a current historical trend that reflects the degeneracy of thought that occurs when the truth of the Word of God is ignored or exchanged for the lie, a fact duly noted by Paul in:

³ Randy J. Guliuzza, "Darwin's Sacred Imposter: Natural Selection's Idolatrous Trap," *Acts & Facts*, 40 (11): 12-15. © 1994-2012 Institute for Creation Research. All Rights Reserved. www.icr.org.
<http://www.icr.org/article/darwins-sacred-imposter-natural-selections/> (accessed January 6, 2012).

⁴ *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*, s.v.: "green."

Romans 1:25 - They exchanged the truth [ἀλήθεια (*alētheia*)] of God for the lie [ψεῦδος (*pseúdos*)], and worshiped and served the creation [dative singular of κτίσις (*ktísis*): **created thing**] rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. (NET)

34. In 1994, Charles Clough wrote a paper on erroneous approaches to the first verses of Genesis and the correct approach of the doctrine of The Gap.
35. In “What Is the Spiritual Significance of an ‘Old’ Earth,” Clough takes up the subject of literal gaps in the fossil record:

Darwin had vainly hoped that the core of his evolutionary theory, that nature is a continuum, would be validated by later paleontological studies. After over 100 years of careful investigation, no transitional forms have been found to relate the phyla [the direct line of descent within a group]. This is an extremely crucial point. The dogma of the continuity of nature (the so-called “Chain of Being”) has always been a hall mark of paganism.⁵

36. Scripture clearly provides the ultimate refutation of the “Chain of Being”:

1 Corinthians 15:39 - All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one flesh of men, and another flesh of beasts, and another flesh of birds, and another of fish.

39. This verse is in the middle of a context in which Paul is discussing the resurrection body of believers. God made many kinds of bodies during the restoration and He will make yet another at the rapture.
40. This verse is also useful as an example of how Darwin’s “Chain of Being” is not supported by Scripture. In modern terminology there are micro changes within a species due to genetic variations that occur in procreation, but never macro changes into another species.

⁵ Charles Clough, “What Is the Spiritual Significance of an ‘Old’ Earth?” (lecture, May 1994).

41. The fossil record has not produced a single example of a transitional form from animal to man in what Darwin referred to as the transmutation of the species.
42. Finally, Clough comments on the minor catastrophism that occurred at Mount Saint Helens in Skamania \ska-mān'-ya\ County, Washington, on May 18, 1980:

New Evidence of Catastrophism and Rapid Sedimentation. Creationists have done massive literature searching to find the neglected observations of rapid deposition. Mt. St. Helens' eruption gave unambiguous evidence of finely-striated deposition of dozens of layers within hours, not millions of years. A video documenting this phenomenon is available from the Institute of Creation Research.⁶ Polystrata fossils have been found (such as tree trunks protruding through many strata.) On the macroscale, major formations such as the Grand Canyon are now seen to be due to vary rapid drain off from the mid North-American continent.⁷ This work is valuable to understand how great was the Noahic flood and, therefore, how great the catastrophes yet to come.⁸

43. With regard to creation, whether instantaneous of our singular universe including planet earth or the manual creation of Homo sapiens from the elements of the earth, we have consulted the biblical record and discovered the truth about each.
44. What the Bible says is in complete opposition to what theoretical physicists and cosmologists contend regarding the former and what uniformitarians and naturalists profess about the latter.
45. When doing research, a good policy is to give major credit to the resources closest to the event in question.

⁶http://icr.christianbook.com/Christian/Books/product?item_no=766717&event=SP113974|2696623|113974|2696623|113974

⁷<http://icr.christianbook.com/geologic-evidences-strata-deposition-grand-canyon/pd/00046X?event=SP113974|2696623|113974|2696623|113974>

⁸ Clough, "What Is the Spiritual Significance of the 'Old' Earth"?

46. The oral history of origins goes back to Adam in the Garden of Eden and was passed down by means of direct communication among the antediluvian patriarchs all the way to the flood.
47. Following the flood the Noahic line, beginning with Shem, continued the oral history down to Nahshon who was head of the tribe of Judah following Moses' reception of the Torah.
48. Other sources that related the details of creation included teaching angels, theophanies of Christ, dreams, visions, and divine revelation to the writers of the Old Testament.