

GENESIS

Why The Beginning Matters

STUDY 2
THE CREATOR GOD



GENESIS 1

God v1-2

World v3-26

Mankind v 27-31

Genesis 1:2-5 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Agency x8

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Genesis 1:7-24 (ESV) And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. 8 And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

9 And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. 10 God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

11 And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. 12 The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 13 And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

14 And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years. 15 and let them be lights to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. 16 And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. 17 And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, 18 to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

20 And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” 21 So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” 23 And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

24 And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so.



Authority

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MAJOR RELIGIOUS WORLD VIEWS

Theism	Pantheism	Atheism
God made it all	God is in all	No God at all
Judaism	Hinduism	Humanism
Christianity	Buddhism	
Islam	New Age	

A scenic view of a mountain range with a rainbow in the sky. The mountains are rugged and covered in green vegetation. The sky is blue with some clouds, and a rainbow is visible in the upper left corner. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, serif font.

"God is not a concept,
or a theory, or a particle.
God is everything."

Anthony Douglas Williams - Inside the Divine Pattern



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NT CORRELATION

John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Colossians 1:15–17 (ESV) He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

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Never calls darkness good

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Good is set on God's terms and His eternal wisdom

LIGHT AS A METAPHOR

Revelation 21:23–25 And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. 24 By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, 25 and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there.

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LITERAL

VS

LITERALISTIC

Genesis 1:5b And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Period of Time





Day 1

Genesis 1:5 God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Day 4

Genesis 1:16 (ESV) And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars.

WHAT DOES DAY MEAN?

Genesis 1:7–8 (ESV) And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. 8 And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

USE 1. DAY=LIGHT

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USE 2 DAY – HEBREW DEFINITION OF DAY

Genesis 1:5 (ESV) God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

USE 3: INDEFINITE PERIOD OF TIME

Genesis 2:1-2 (ESV) Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. 2 And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done.

There is no end to the 7th day

WHAT WAS MISSING?

And there was evening and there was morning, the 7th day.

USE 4. DAY = PERIOD OR ERA

Genesis 2:4 (ESV) These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

FREDERICK FORSYTH

"Forsyth is truly the world's
reigning master of suspense."
—*Los Angeles Times*



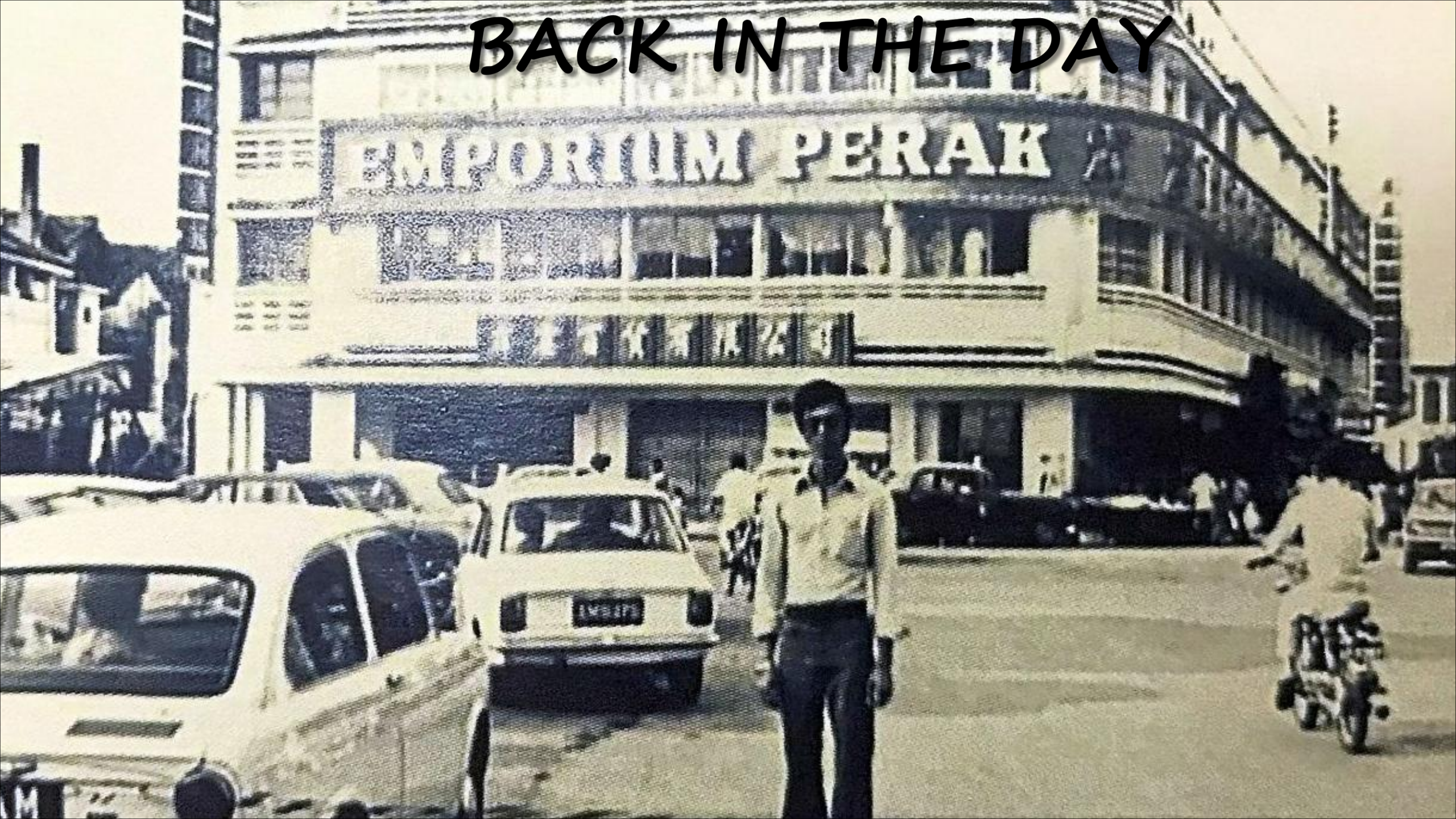
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THE MASTERPIECE OF INTERNATIONAL INTRIGUE

BACK IN THE DAY



BACK IN THE DAY



ANALOGICAL USE OF THE WORD "DAY"

St. Edward

Ministry Minute

MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY
SHARE A GLIMPSE OF THE MEANING
BEHIND THEIR MINISTRY



2 Peter 3:10 (ESV) But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

2 Peter 3:8 (ESV) But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

4 USES OF THE WORD DAY

- ① God called the light **Day**, and the darkness he called Night (Genesis 1:5 ESV) ...qualitative
- ② And there was evening and there was morning, the first **day** (Genesis 1:5B ESV) .. 24hr
- ③ And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh **day** from all his work that he had done (Genesis 2:2 ESV) ...never ending
- ④ These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the **day** that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens (Genesis 2:4

PURPOSE AND DESIGN

Location

1

Light

2

Sky/Waters

3

Earth/Sea/Vegetation

Inhabitants

4

Sun/Moon

5

Flying ,Swimming creatures

6

Animal and Man

7

REST



Sin – moon god



Shamash-
sun god



King Nabonidus

STELA OF NABONIDUS BABYLONIAN

ISHTAR GOD OF STARS Mesopotamian



SHAMASH SUN GOD

Summerian god of the sun, judge and law-giver of the people. He is the husband of Ishtar.



POLEMIC USE

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GOAL OF CREATION

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THE RESPONSE OF CREATION

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. 2 Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. 3 There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. 4 Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world

(Psalms 19:1-4 ESV)

THE CONCLUSION OF EACH CREATIVE ACT

... And God saw that it was good.

V 4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31 very good

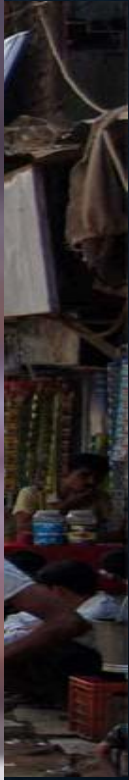
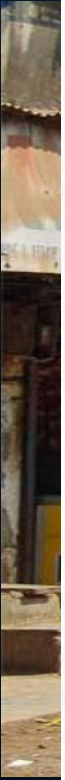
WHAT DO WE LEARN ABOUT GOD?

- **One God**
- **Transcendant God**
- **Sovereign God**
- **A Speaking God**
- **A Good God**

WHAT DO WE LEARN ABOUT CREATION

- **Orderly designed world with purpose**
- **Good and wondrous world**

IS THIS PART OF GOD?



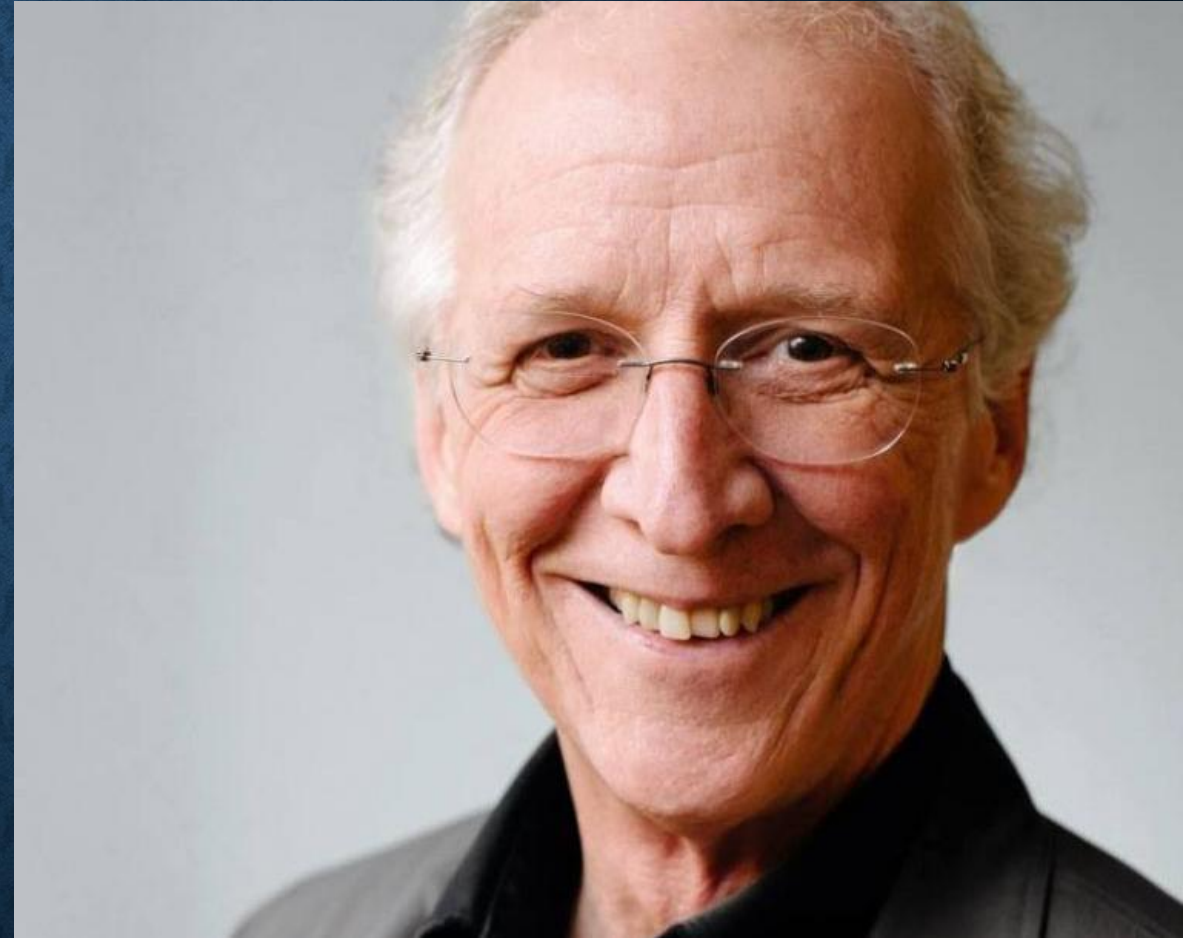
A night view of Earth from space, showing city lights and a bright sun or star on the horizon.

CREATION IS HOW GOD
EXPRESSES HIMSELF -SHARES
HIS GLORY

JOHN PIPER

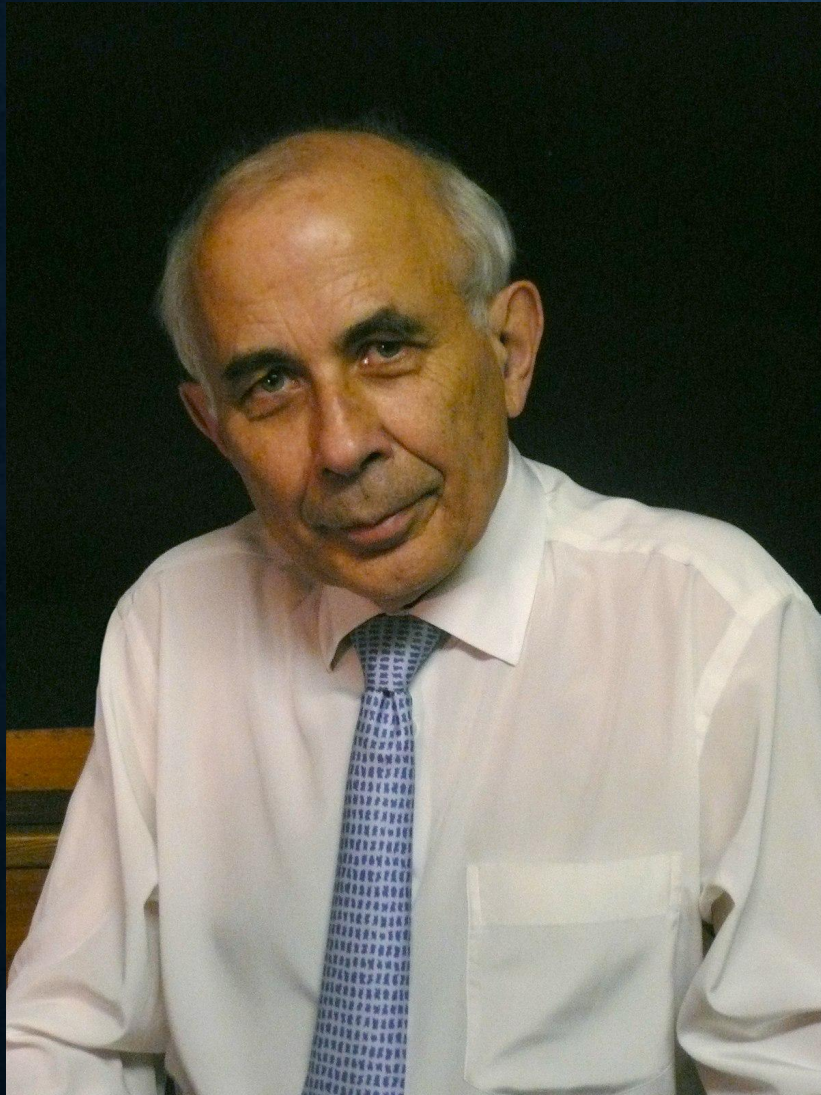
“Mind corresponds to the truth of God’s perfections. Love corresponds to the delight in the worth and beauty of those perfections. God is glorified by being both understood and delighted in.”

God’s passion for His glory



PROFESSOR SEMIR ZEKI,
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
LONDON

Neurobiologist



*“We all seek beauty
almost 24 hours a day,
whether it is in our homes,
in our pastimes or in our
work”*

The Royal Society of Edinburgh
Science of beauty 2015







What a wonderful
accident



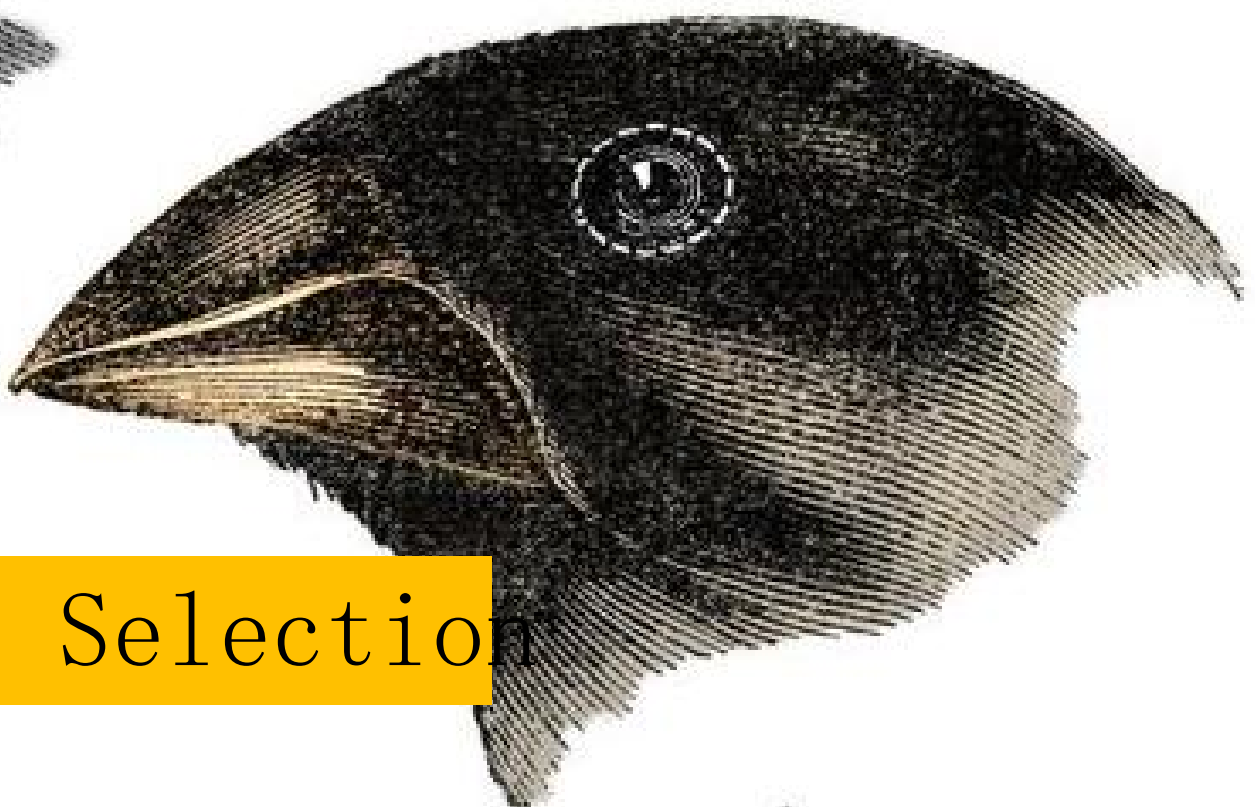
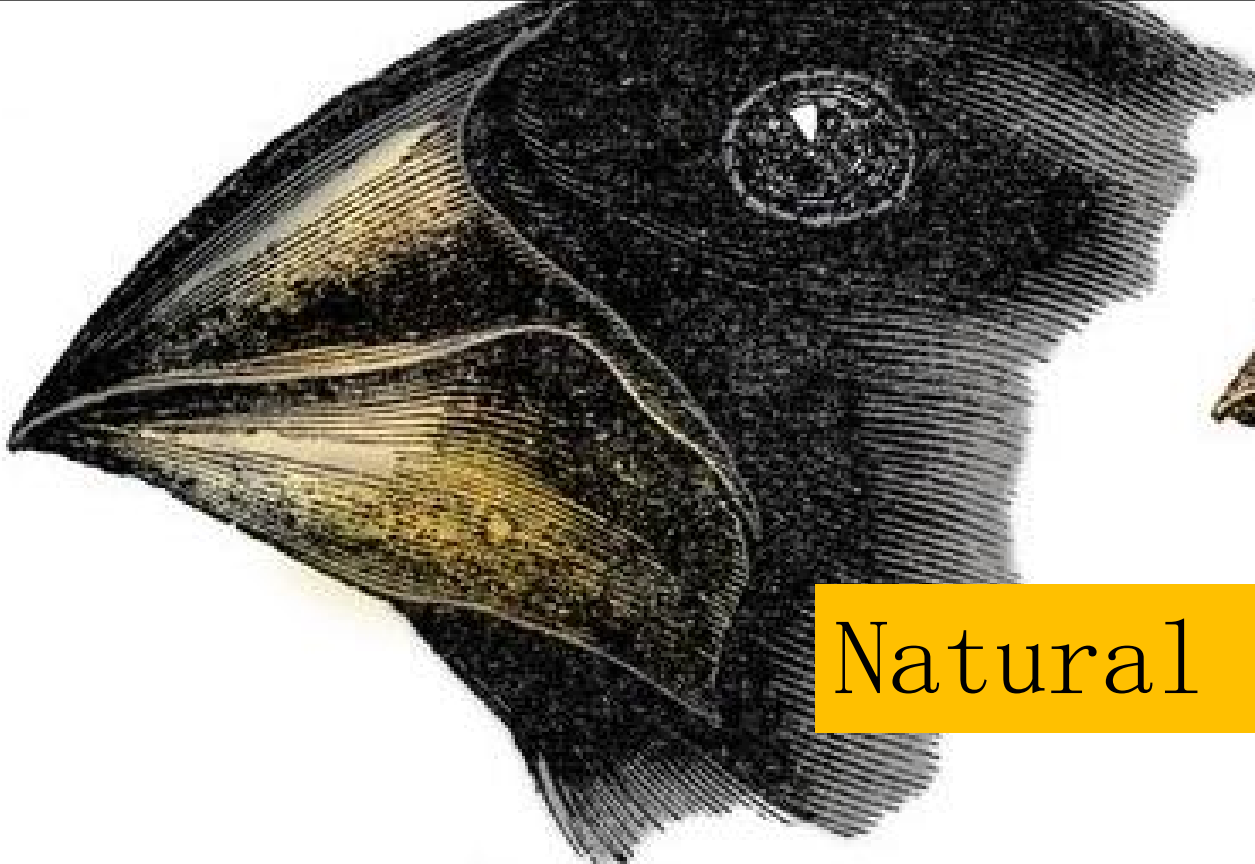


CREATION

EVOLUTION

1831 Charles Darwin



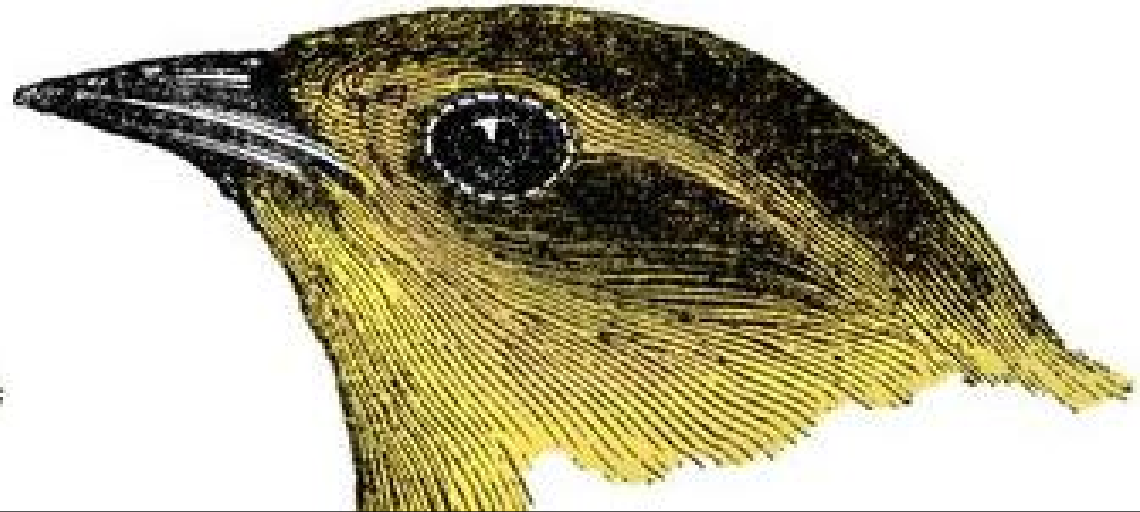
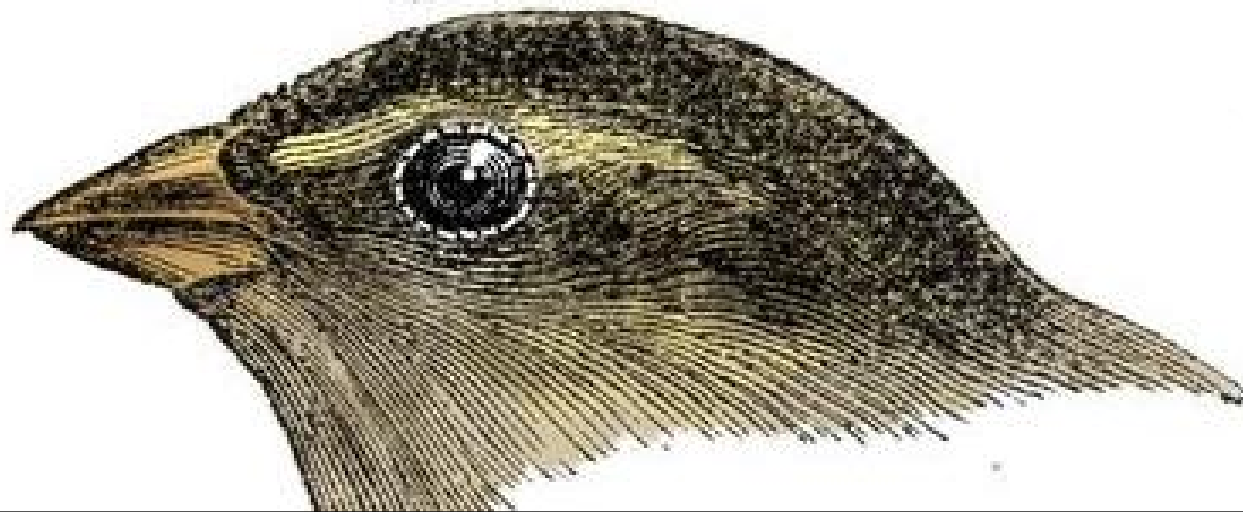


Natural Selection

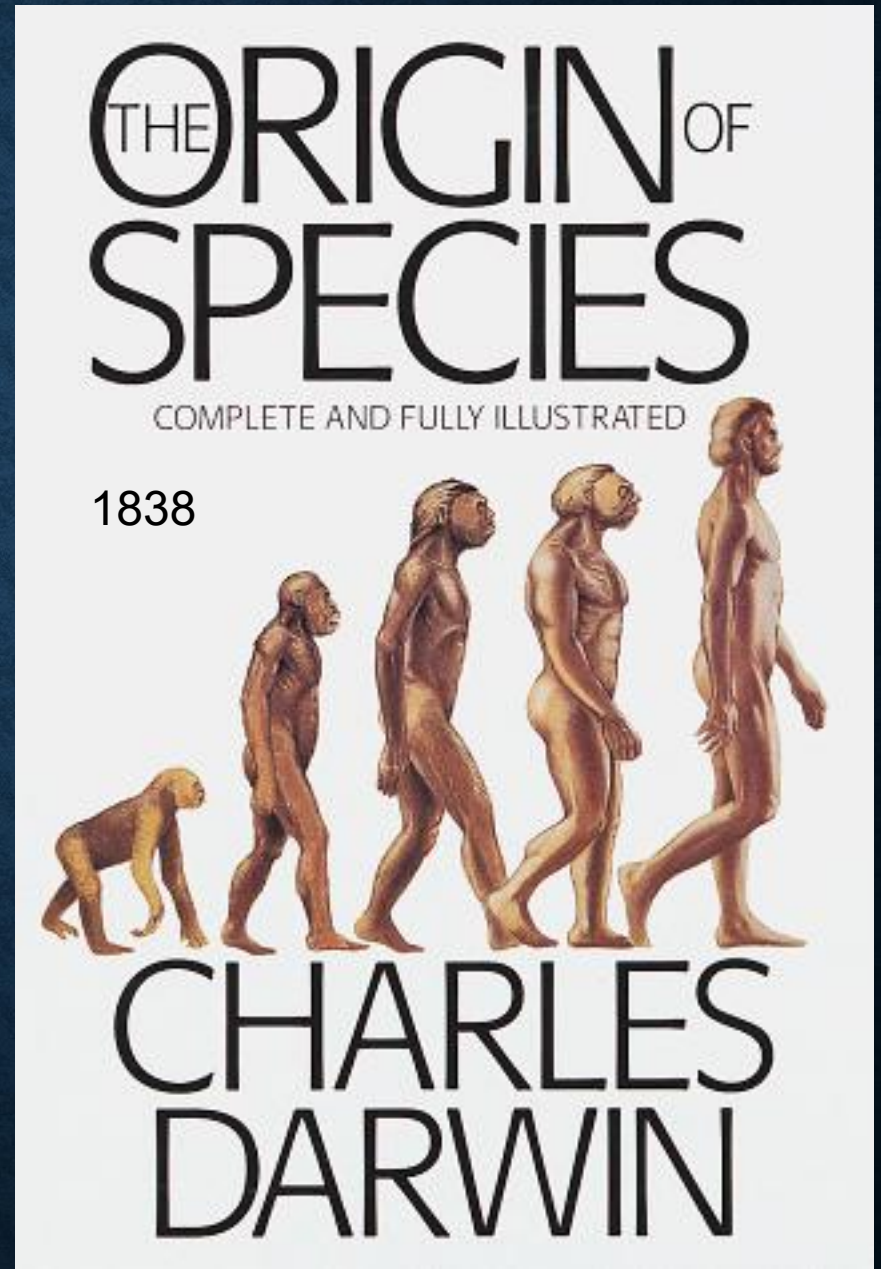
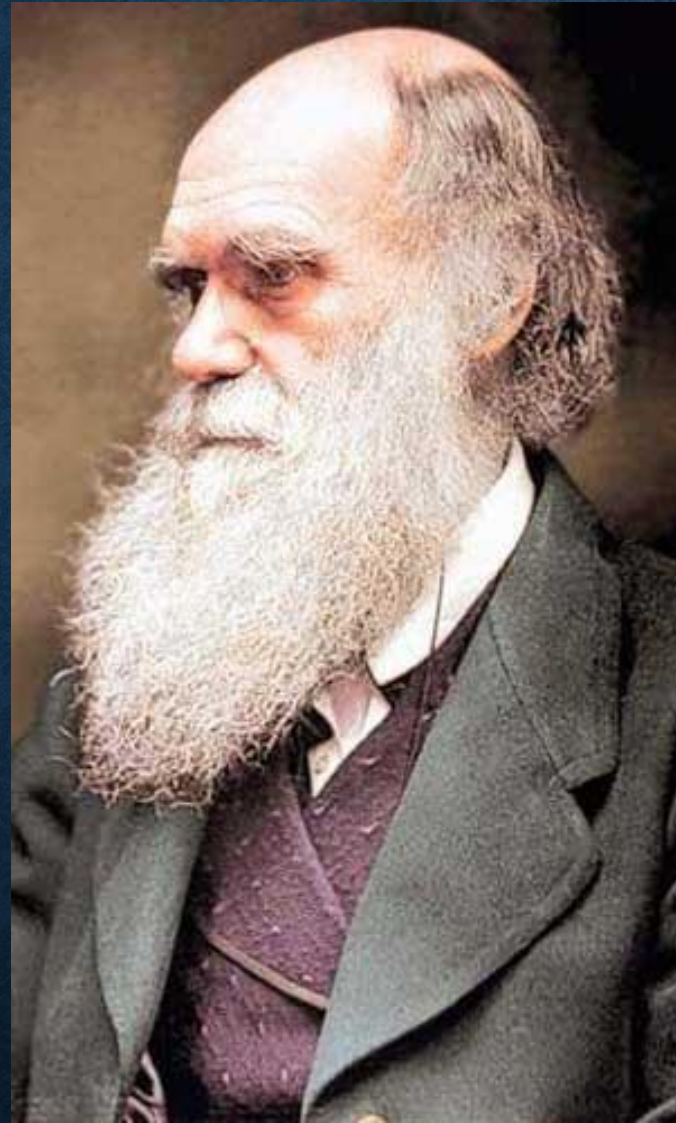
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Small changes over time to adapt for the food

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THEORY OF EVOLUTION





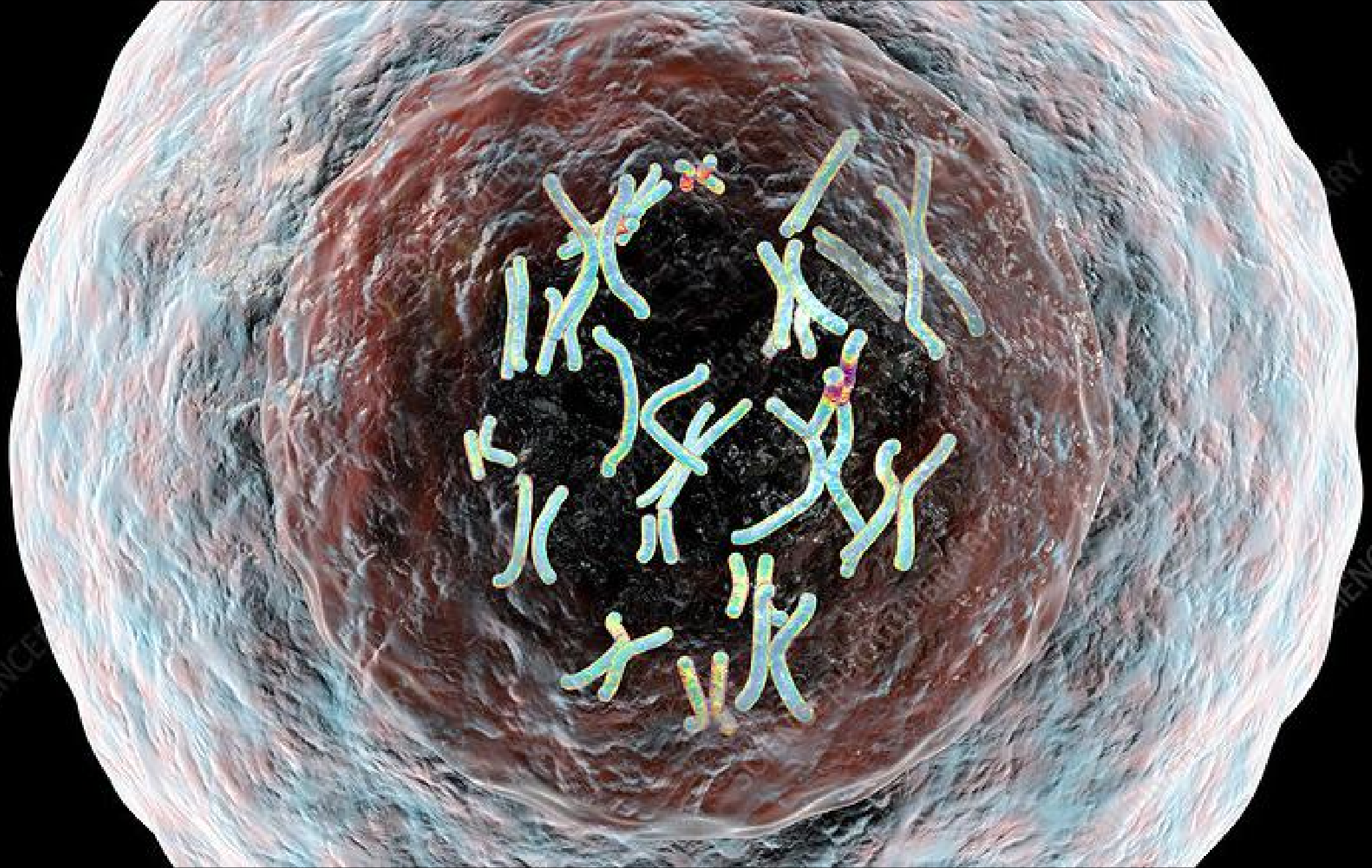
1866 GREGOR MENDEL



Genetic Inheritance

How do genes produce characteristics?

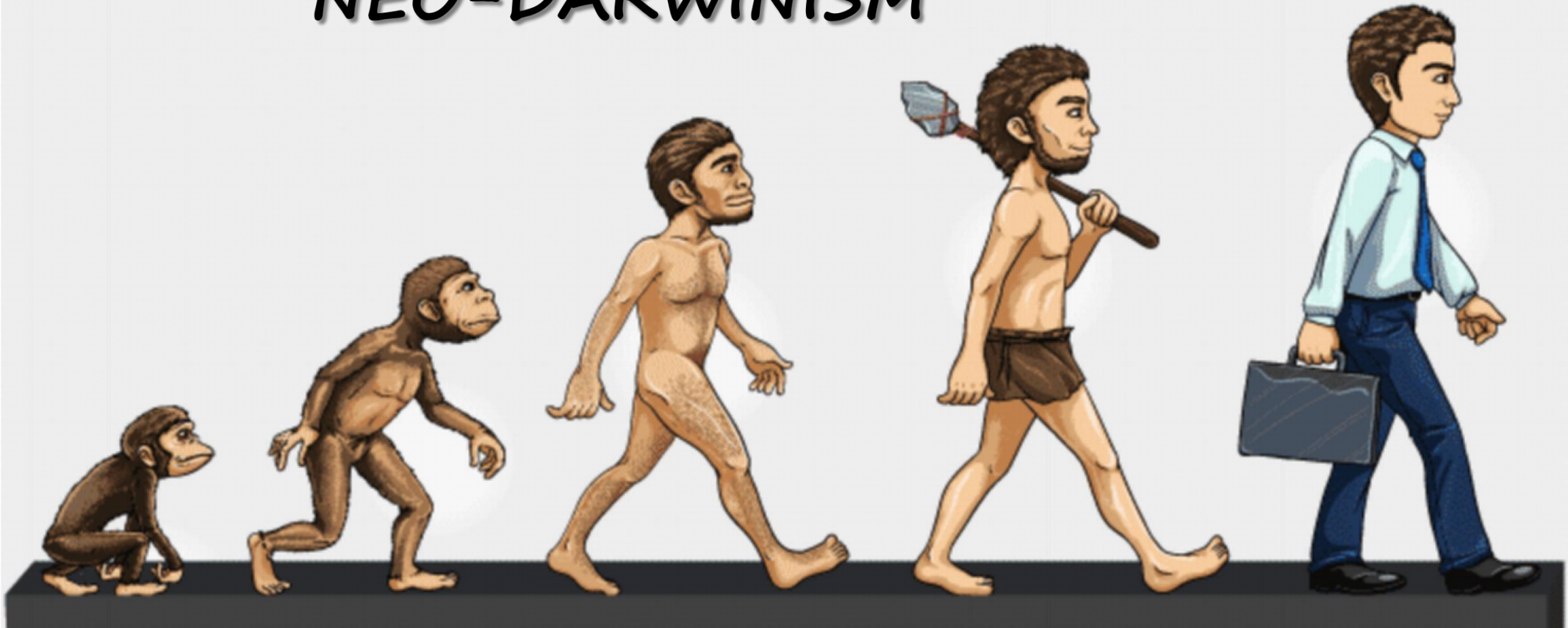




MODERN SYNTHETIC THEORY OF EVOLUTION

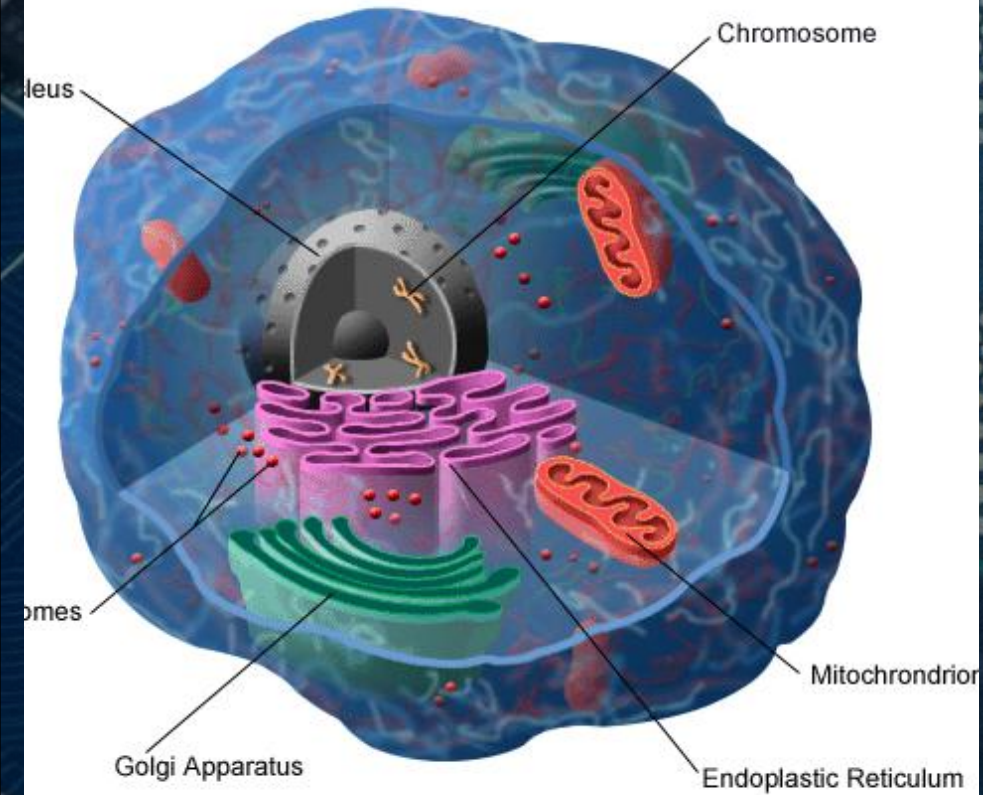


NEO-DARWINISM

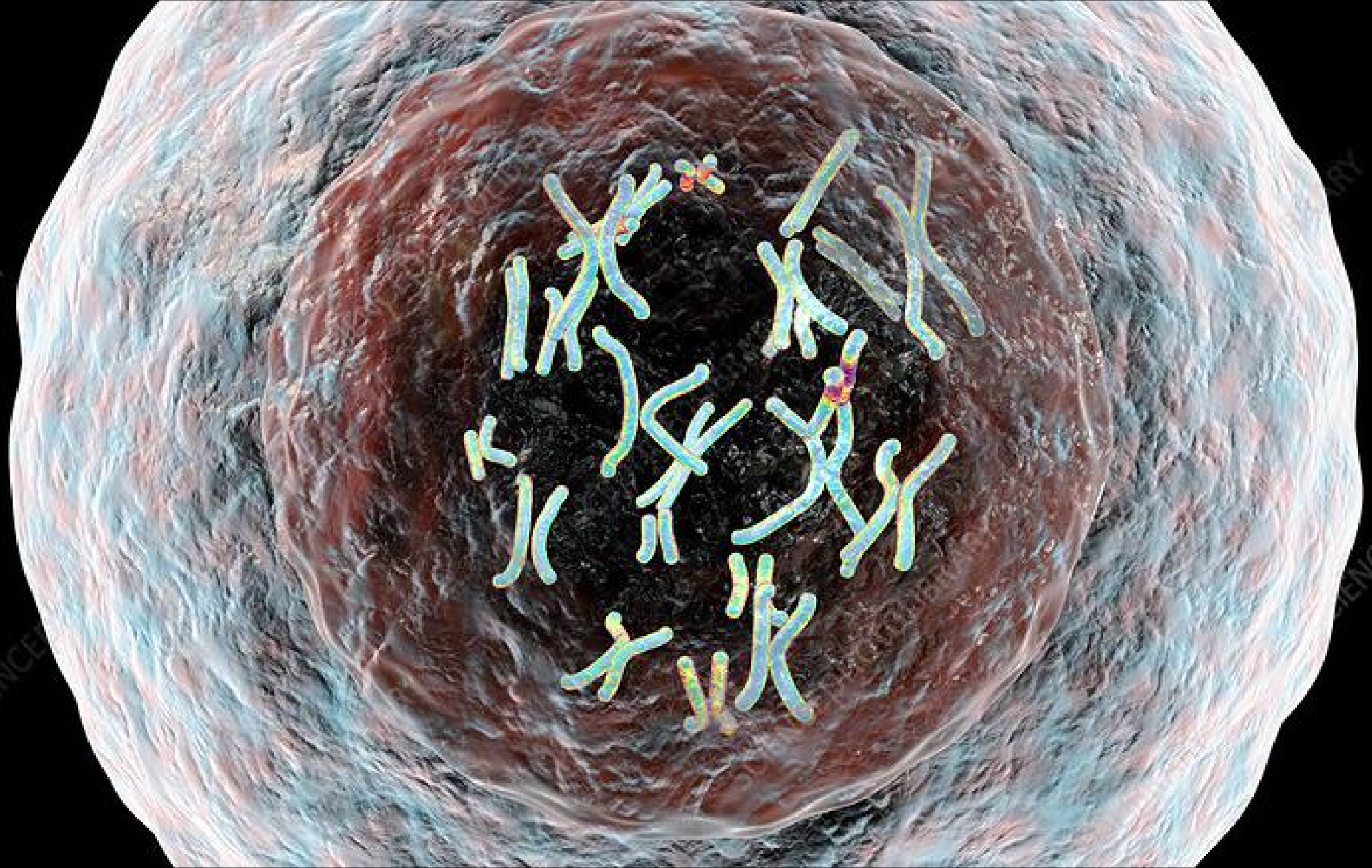


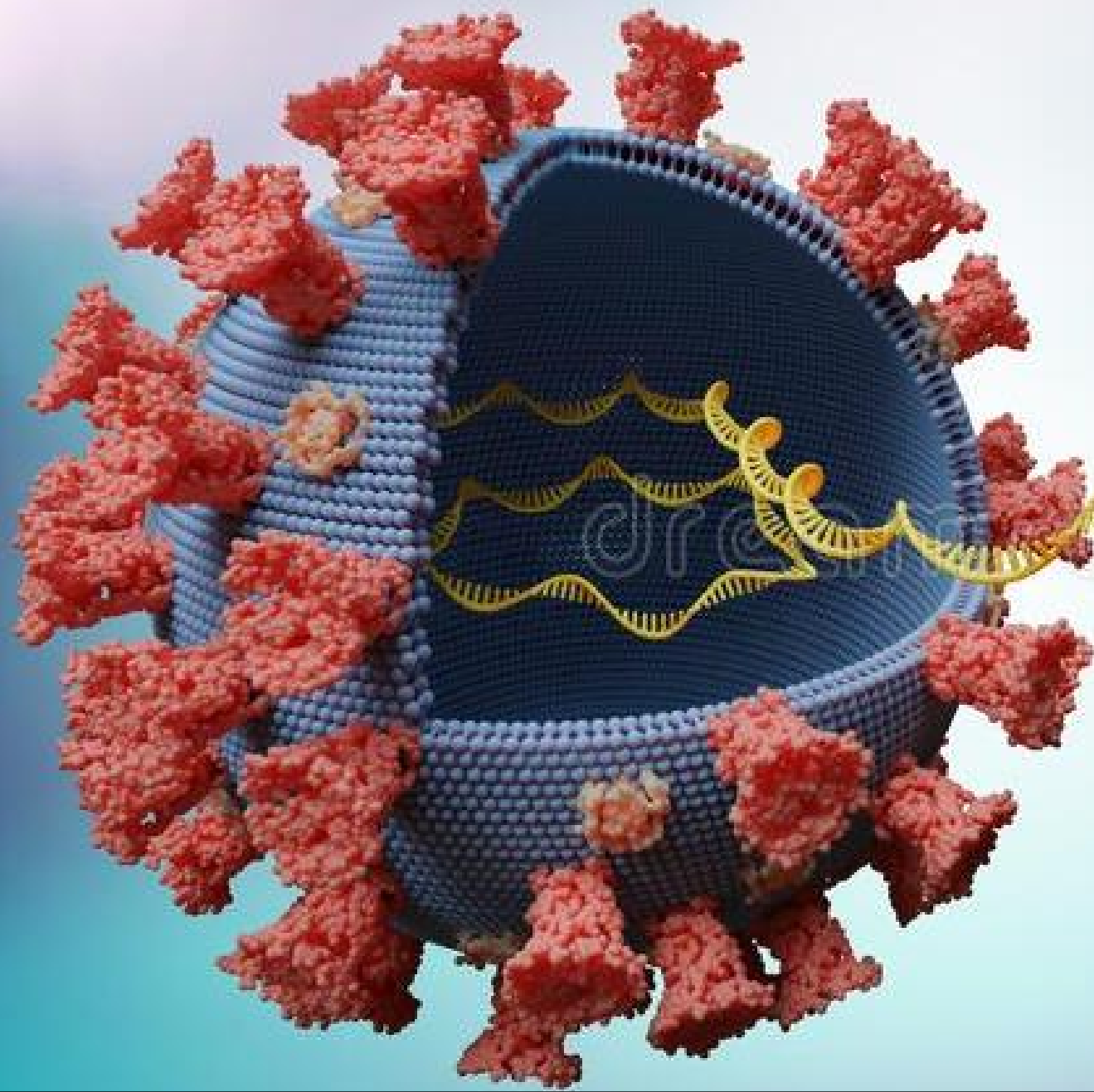
PROBLEMS WITH EVOLUTION

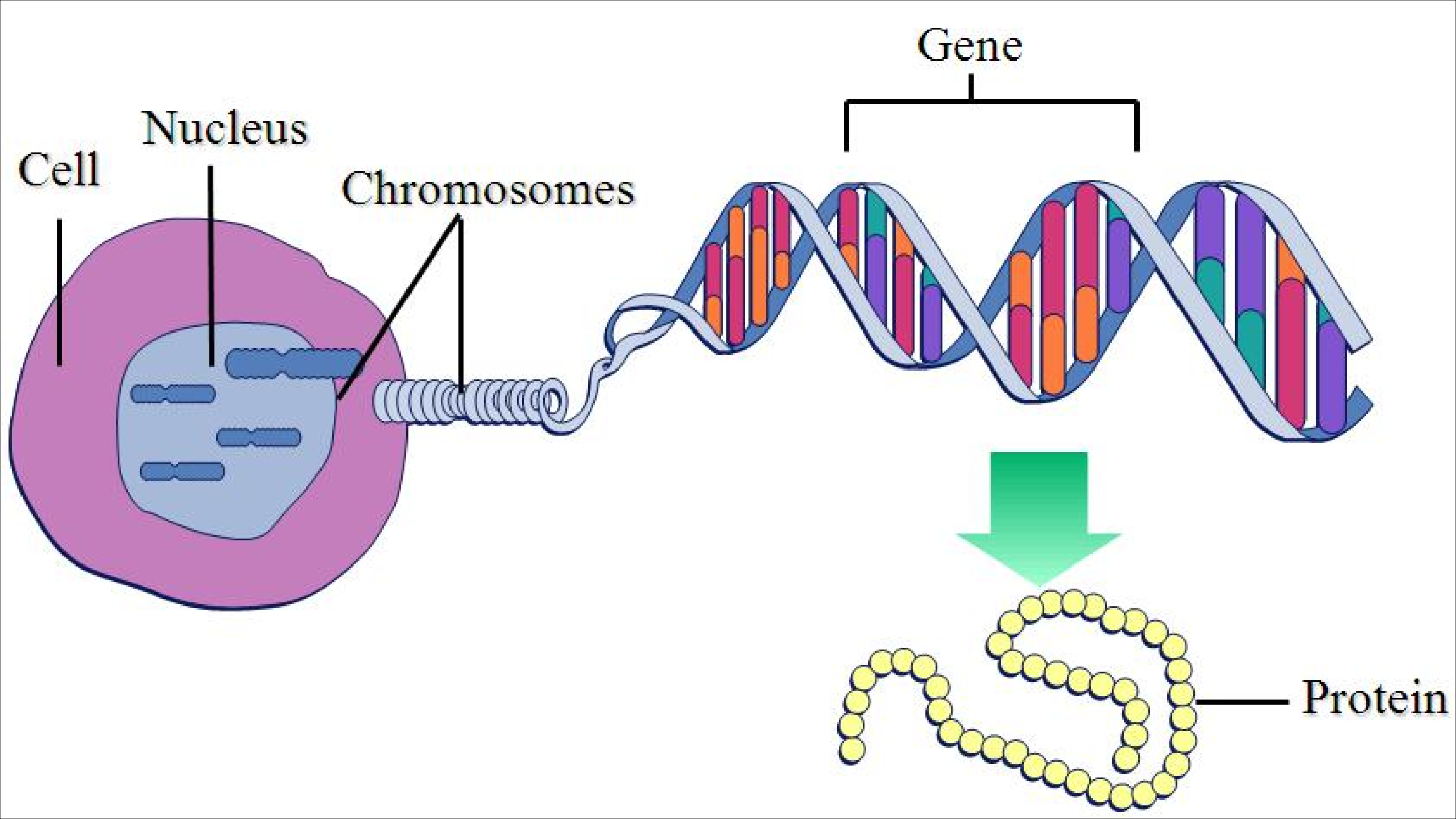
Anatomy of a Cell



WHERE THE CODE IS
STORED

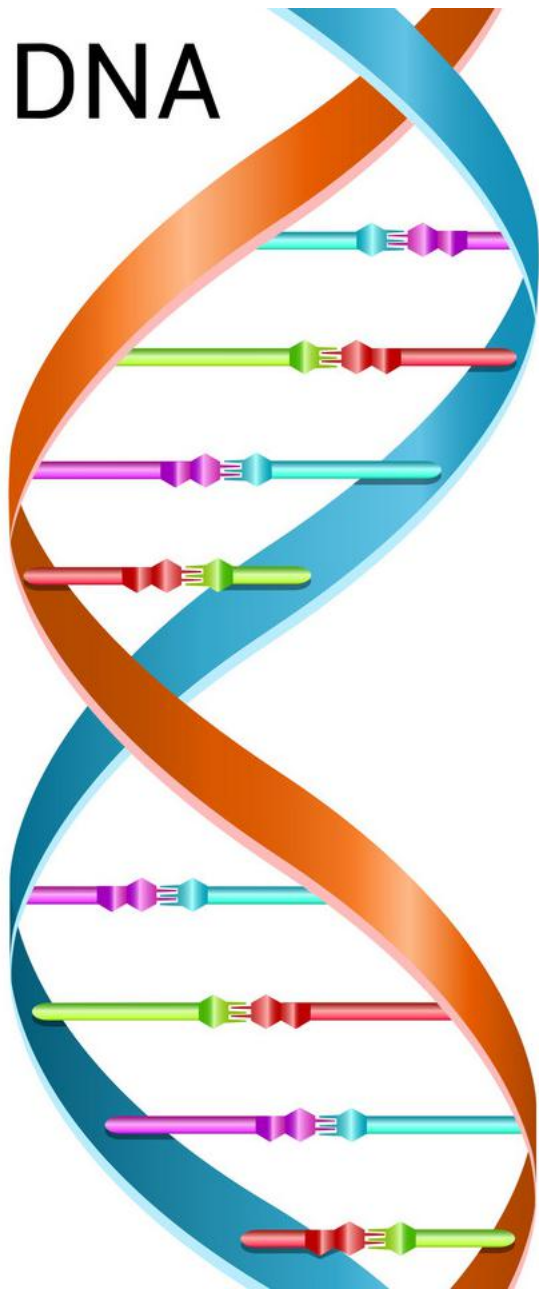








DNA



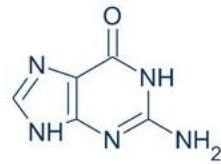
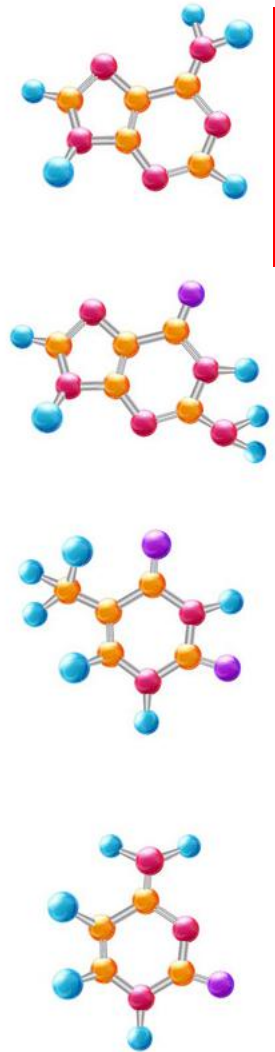
Sequence Hypothesis

The sequence of these nucleotide bases encodes for the various proteins

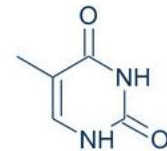
NITROGENOUS BASES

f DNA stand for?

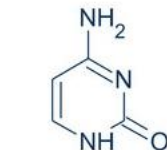
Genetic mutations
Variation



Adenine



Guanine



Thymine



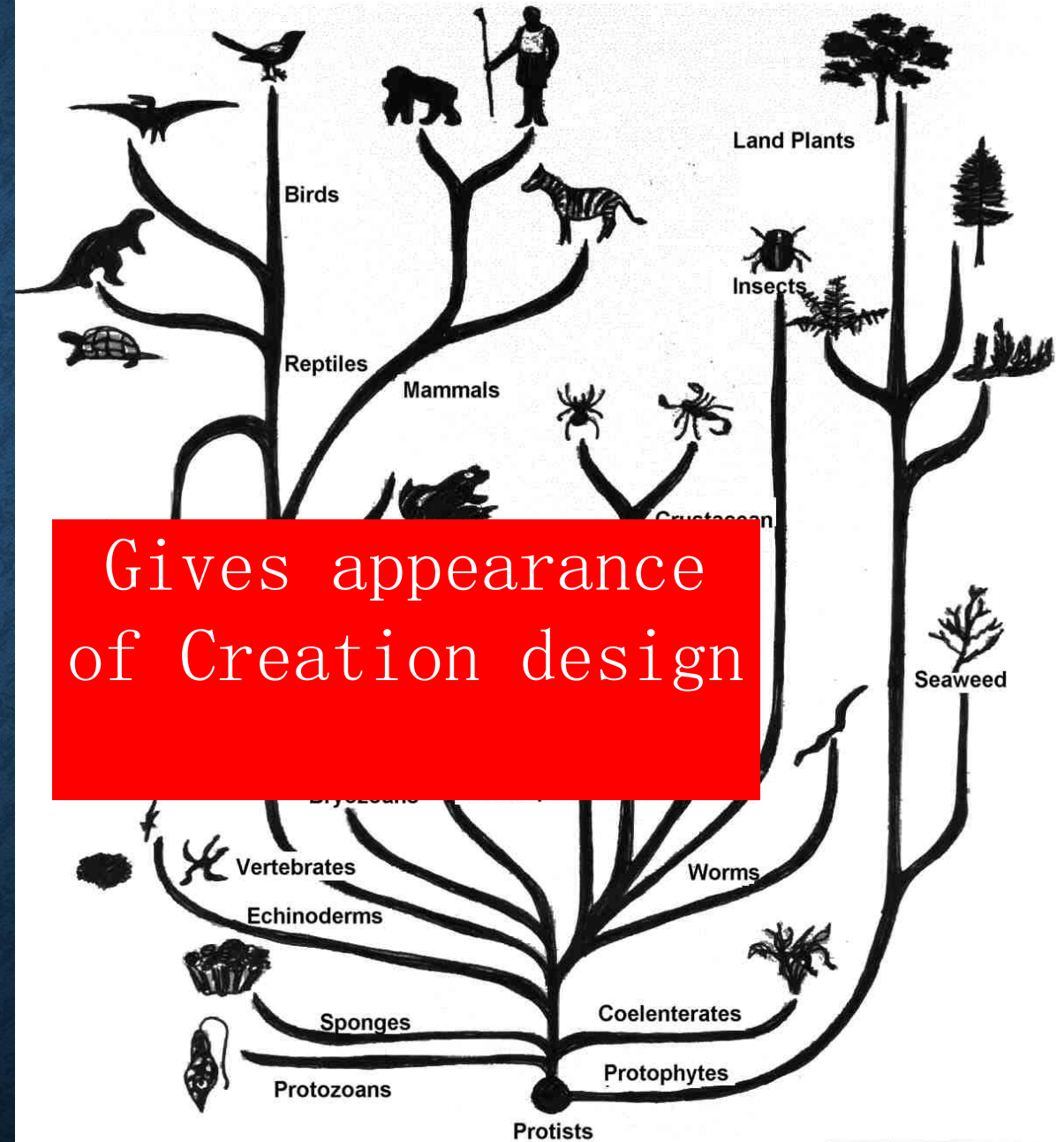
Cytosine



A
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C
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MODERN THEORY OF EVOLUTION

COMMON ANCESTRY
NATURAL SELECTION
RANDOM GENETIC MUTATION



Modern Theory of Evolution

Blind unguided process

Abiogenesis



Impossible

Single Cell

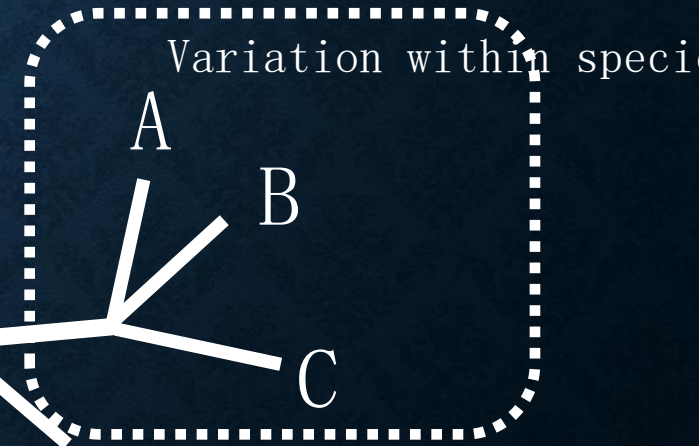
Macroevolution



No solid evidence

Micro evolution

Natural Selection



Variation within species

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Theory of Evolution

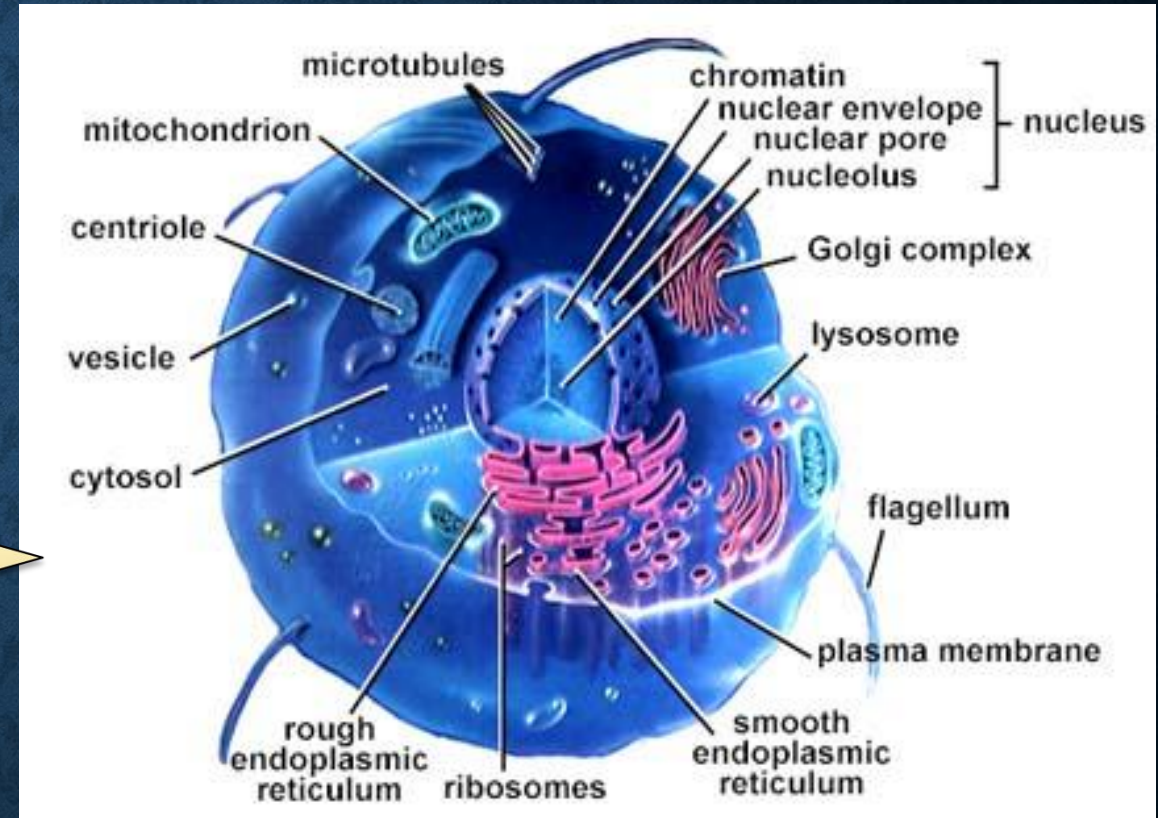
Primordial soup

H₂O

NH₃

CH₄

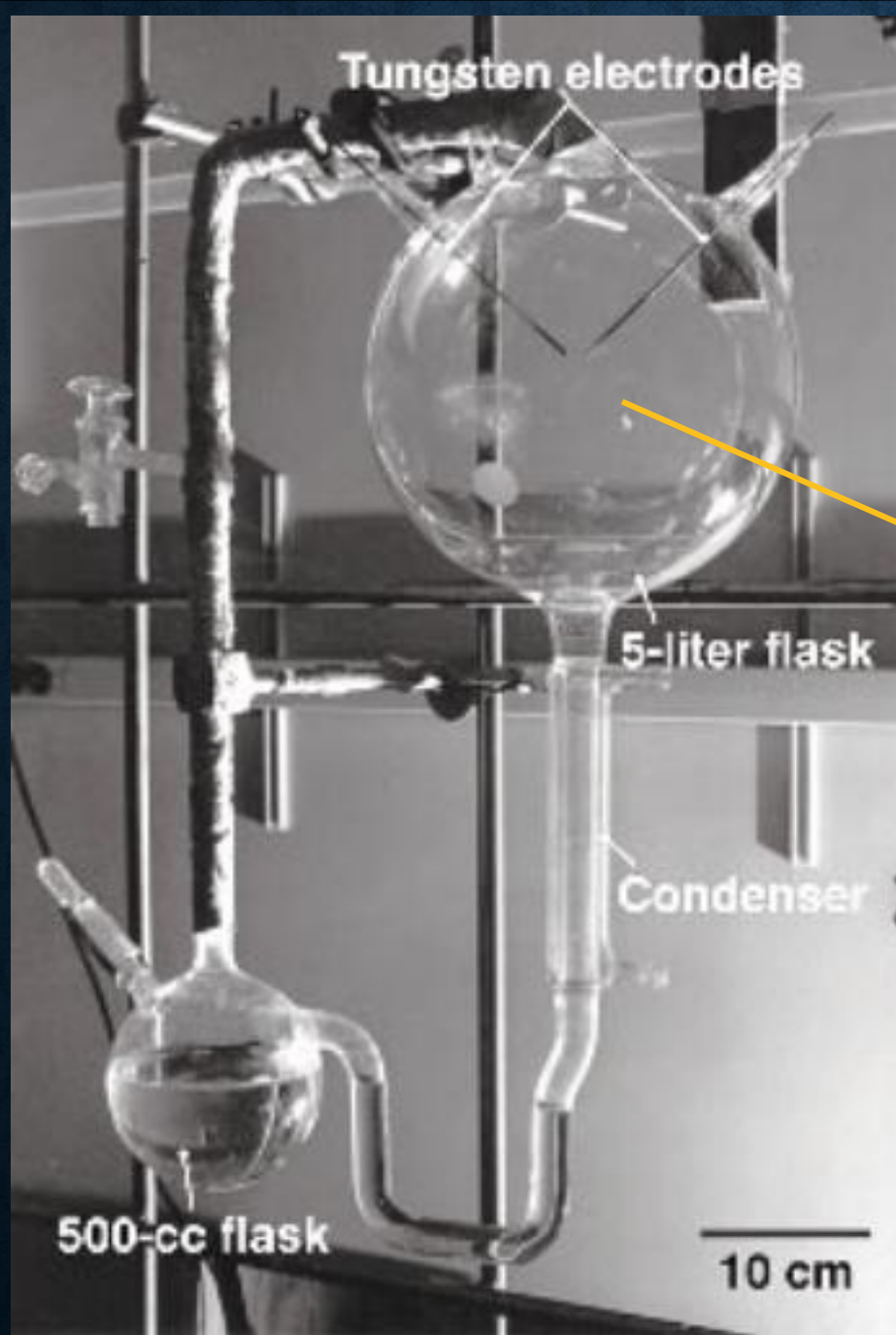
H₂O



N of Evolution

Primordial Soup Theory



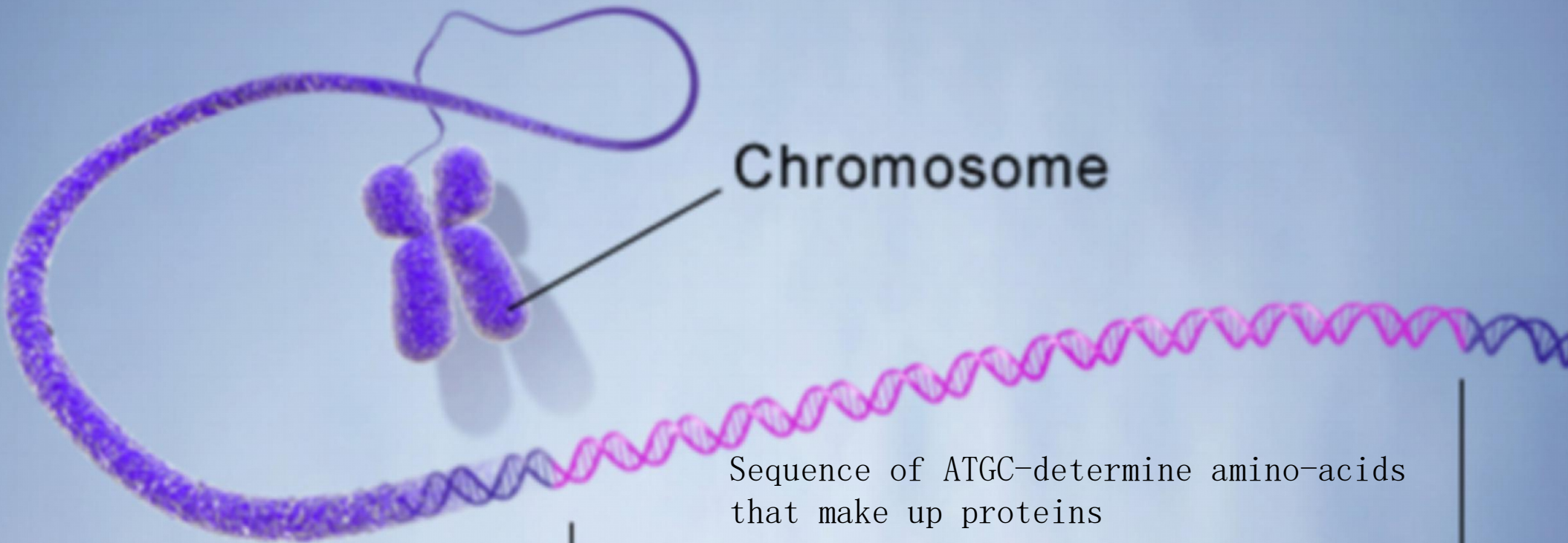


Stanley Miller – Urey Experiment 1953

methane, ammonia,
hydrogen gases

10 of the 20 amino acids
required for life

They left out oxygen
Oldest rocks have oxide



Gene

The cat jumped over the fence

Non intelligible

Thc eta ujmped ovre teh fneec

Tch tea ujpmde vore eht nfece

cth ate ejpdme orve the cfece


TO PRODUCE 150 AMINO-ACID PROTEIN BY RANDOM MUTATION

Functional sequence of DNA

1

Non -Functional sequence of DNA

10⁷⁷



One dial per 15 seconds if you have 15 hours
Success is then more than 50%
Chance hypothesis more likely to be true than false

10,000

THE LOCK HAS 10 DIALS

3	4	6	1	6	8	9	0	5	1
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1: 10,000,000,000 possible combinations

If you live to 100 years old and sample one combination every 10 seconds no breaks

3% of total possible combinations

Hence more likely a random search will fail than it will succeed

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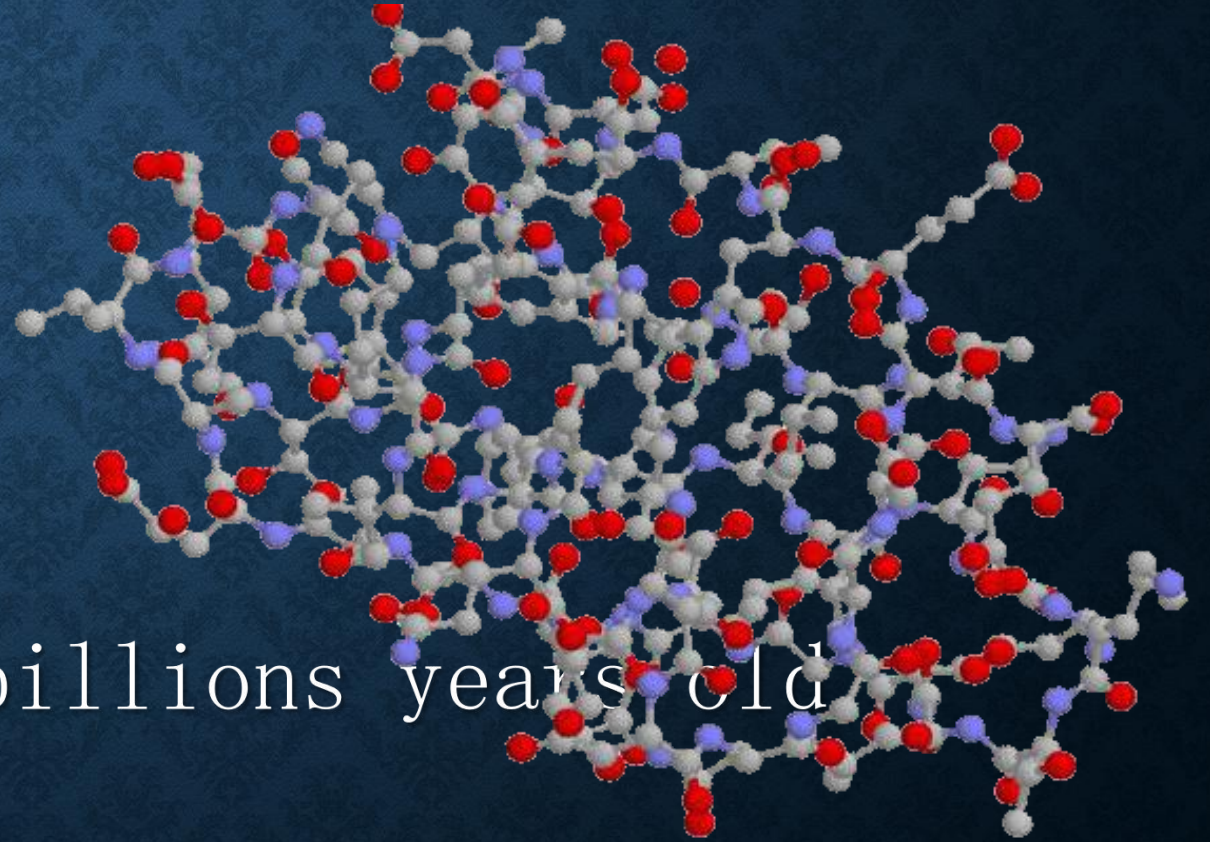
IMPOSSIBLE

**RANDOM MUTATION NOT PLAUSIBLE
MECHANISM FOR GENERATING NEW GENETIC
MATERIAL**

*SIMPLEST LIFE FORM WOULD NEED AT
LEAST 239 PROTEIN MOLECULES*

1:10 billion
years

Earth is only 4.5 billions years old



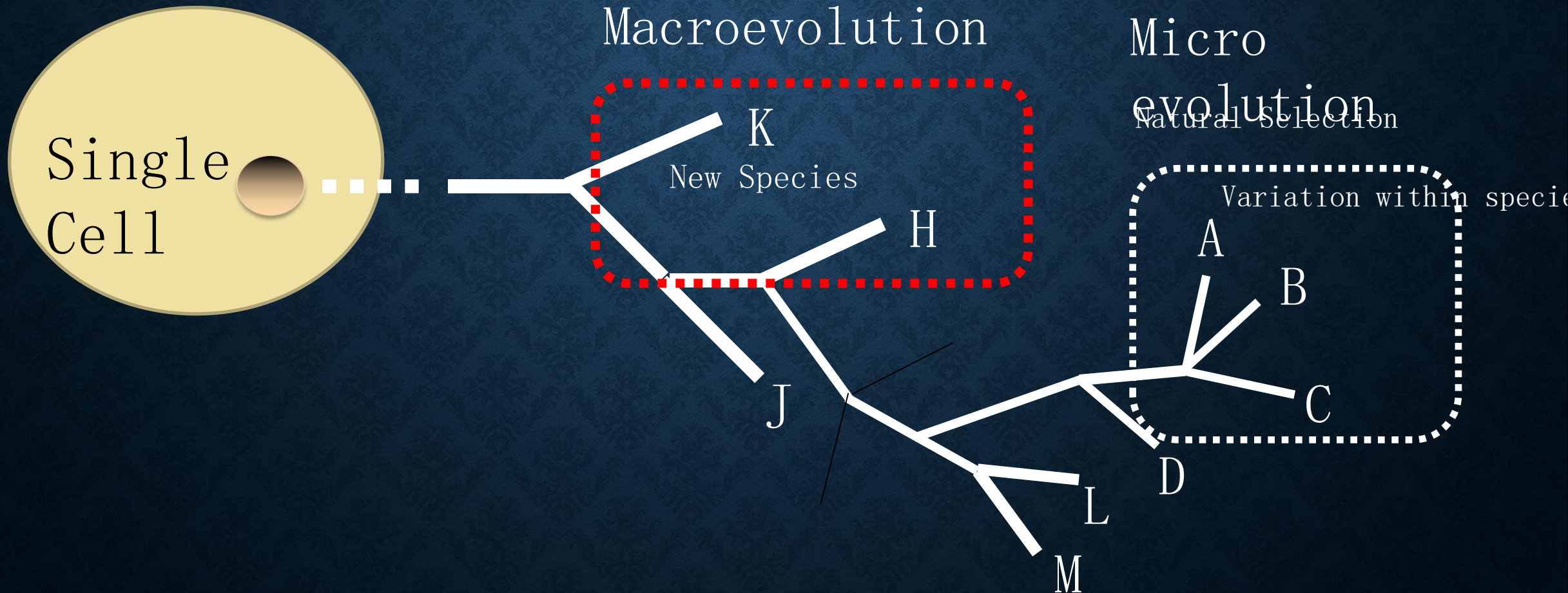
Billions of
years



Modern Theory of Evolution

Blind unguided process

Abiogenesis



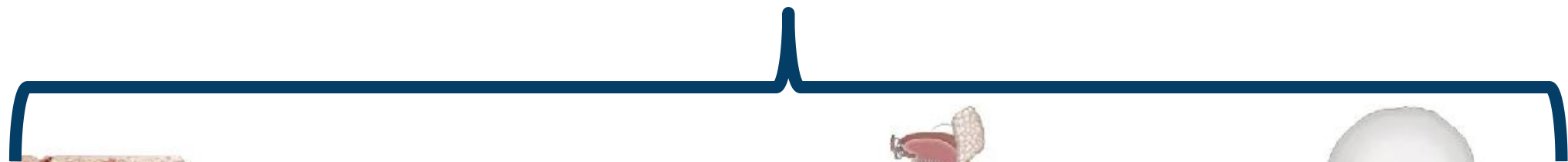
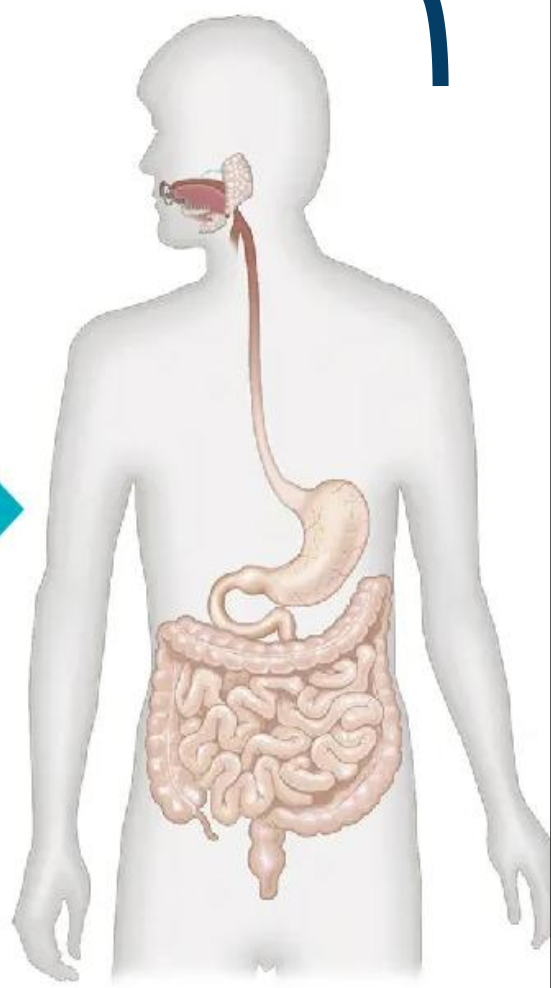
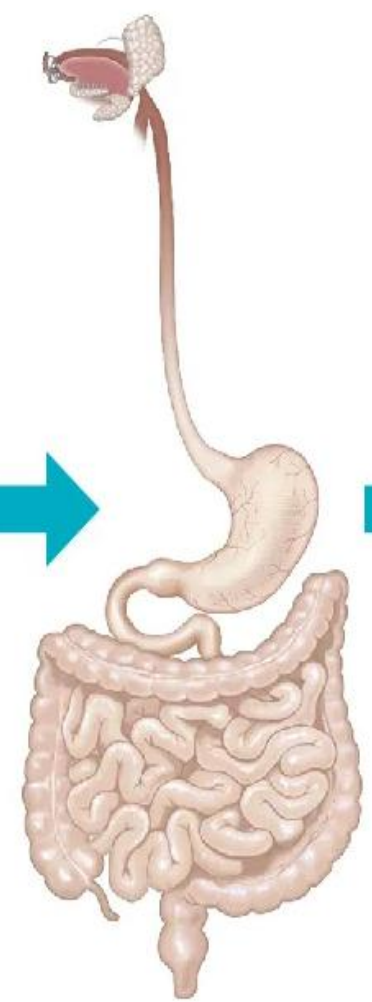
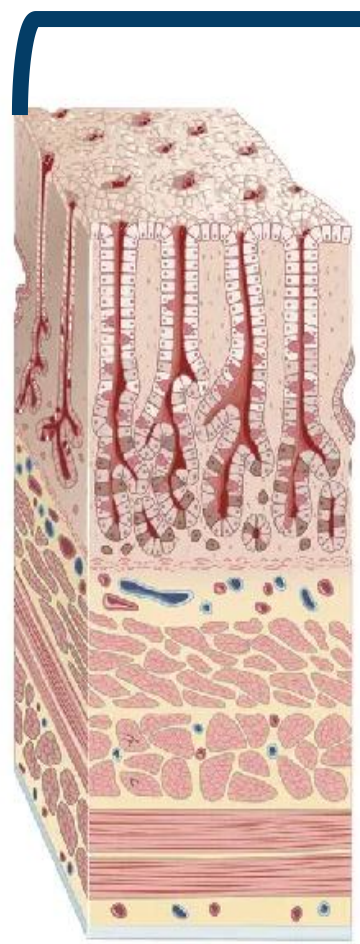
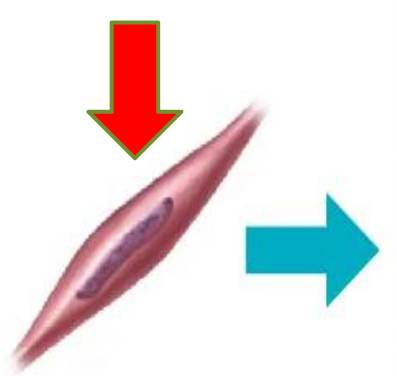
PROBLEMS OF NEO-DARWINISM

- Origin of complex organism
- Origin of anatomical novelty
- Origin of non gradual mode of transition
(abrupt fossil appearance)

Levels of organization

Unknown mechanism

DNA
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Protein



cell

tissue

organ

organ system

organism



Alive Today

FOSSIL RECORD

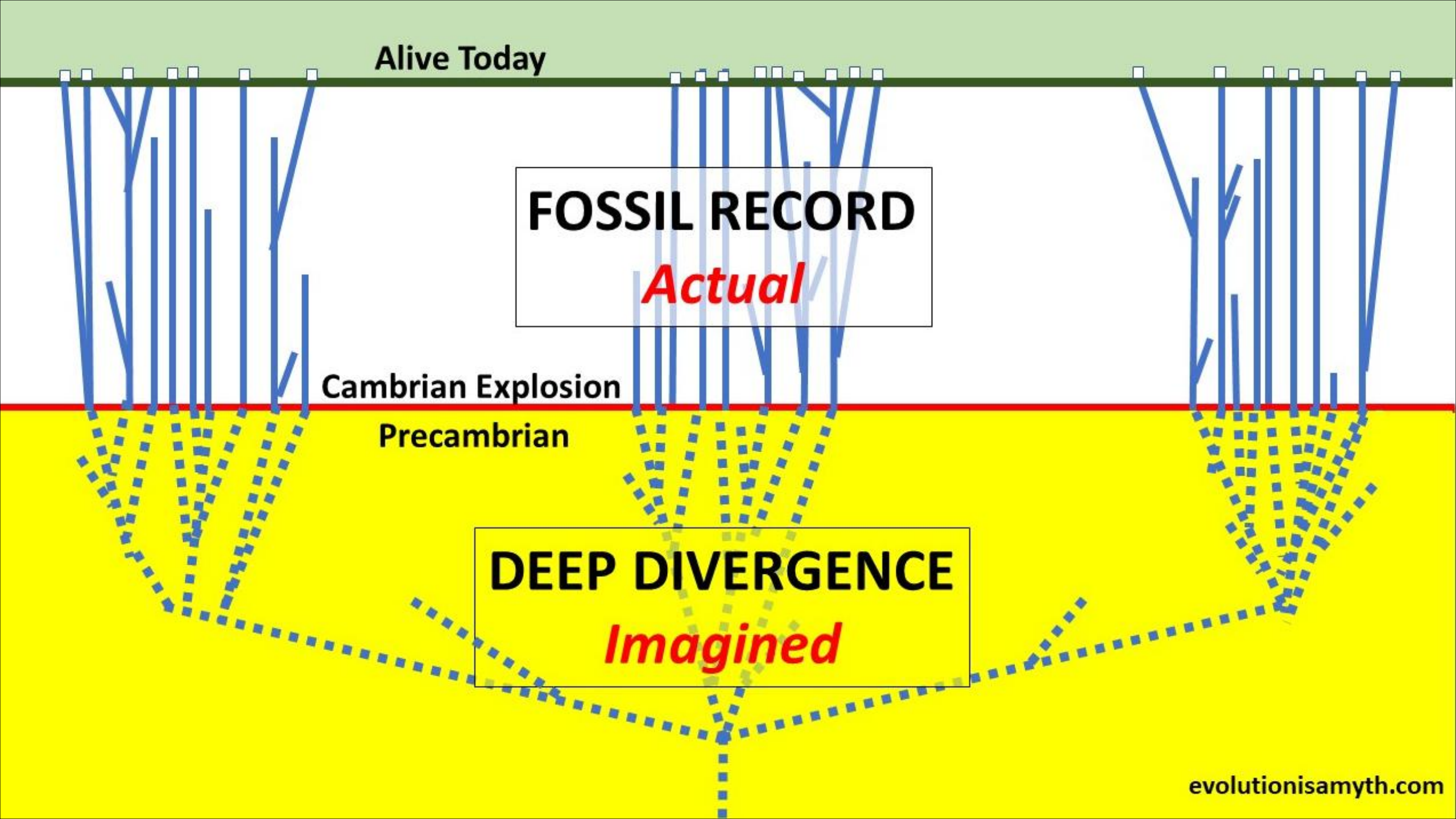
Actual

Cambrian Explosion

Precambrian

DEEP DIVERGENCE

Imagined





WHAT ABOUT
TRANSITIONAL
FORMS?



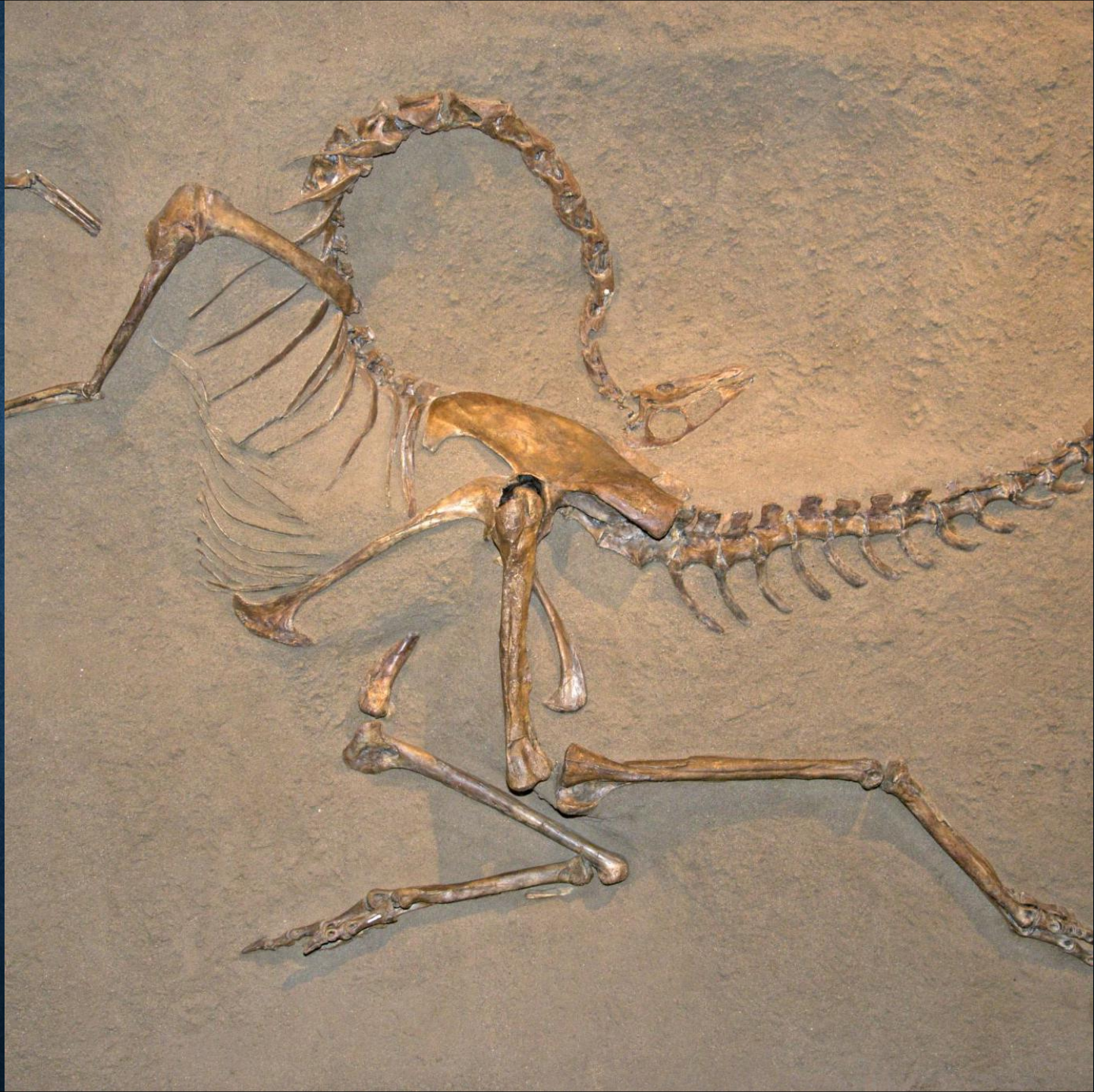
VELOCIRAPTOR
83 mya



ARCHAEOPTERYX
155-150 mya



YANORNIS
120—110 mya

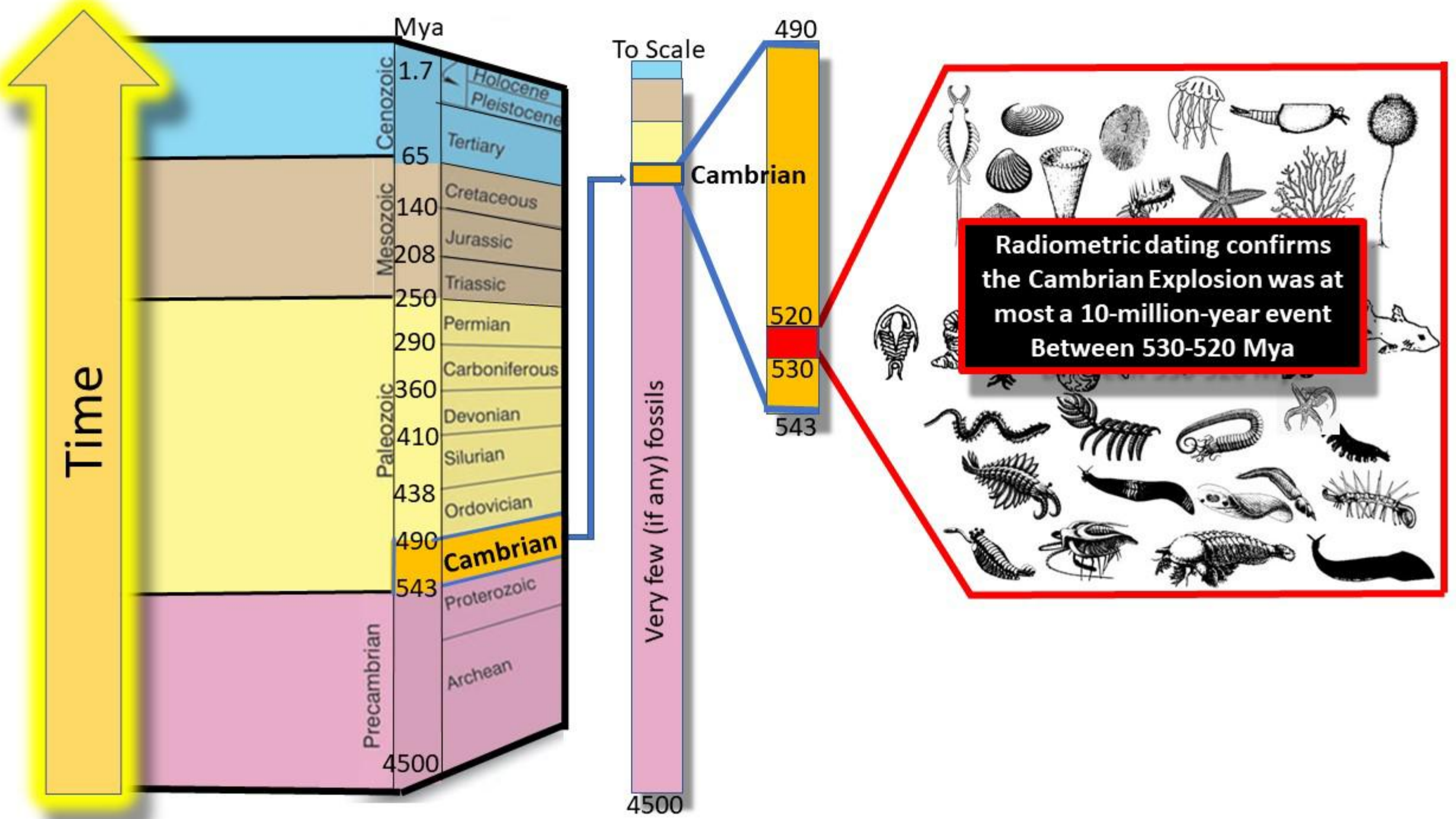




THE CAMBRIAN EXPLOSION



Alfred Schumacher



Radiometric dating confirms the Cambrian Explosion was at most a 10-million-year event Between 530-520 Mya

Very few (if any) fossils

Alive Today

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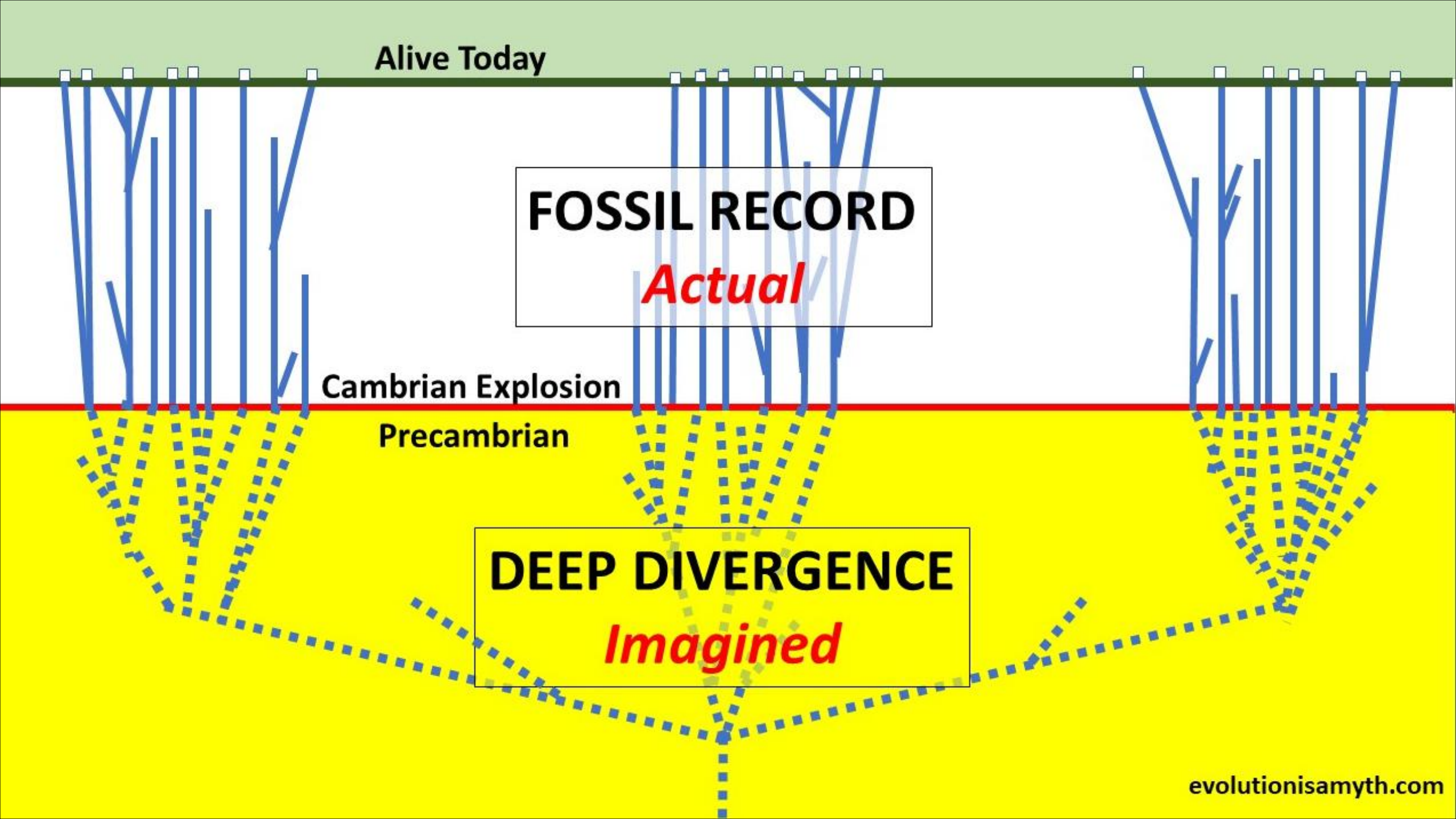
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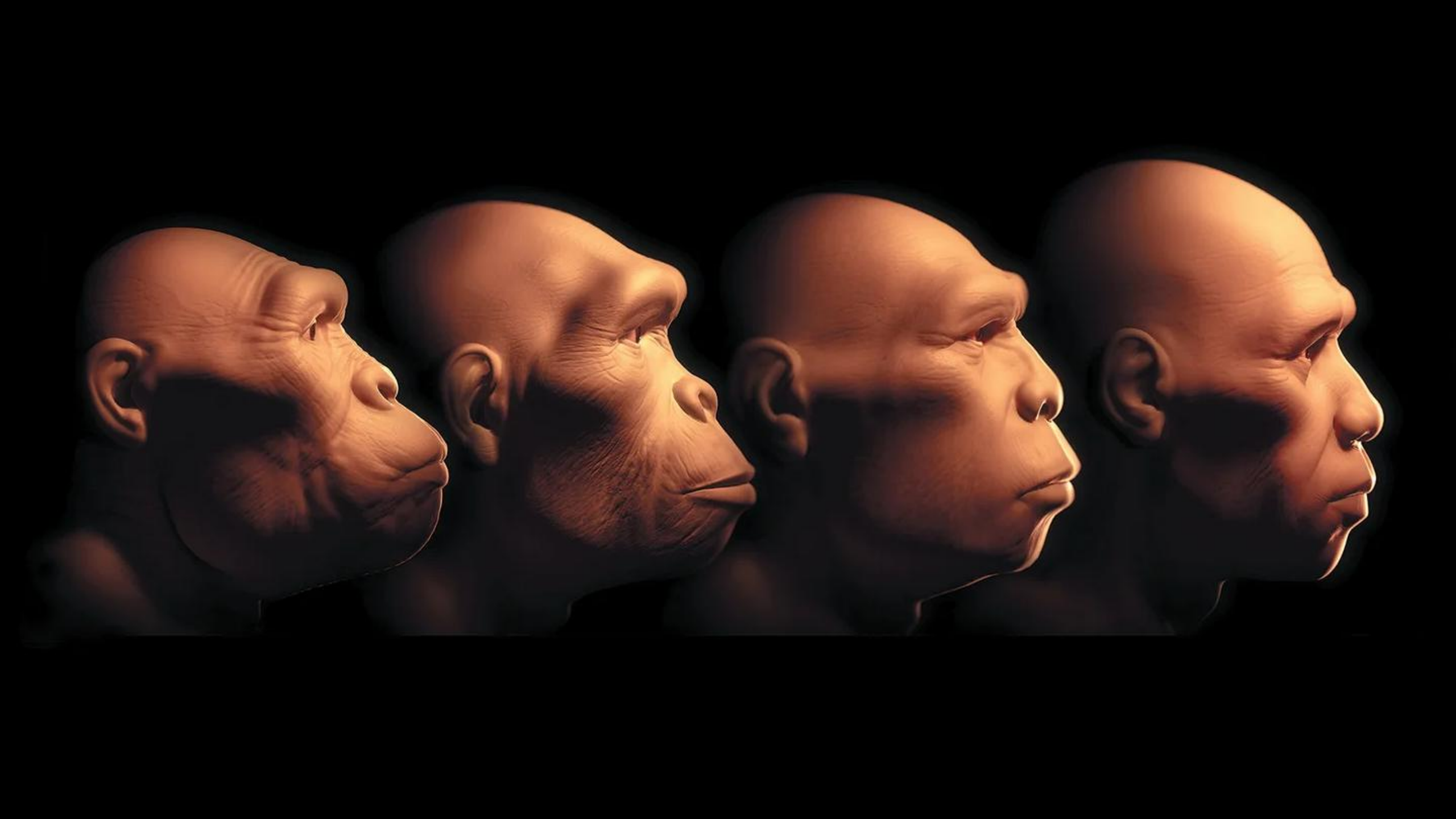
Cambrian Explosion

Precambrian

DEEP DIVERGENCE

Imagined







The age of universe is 13.7 billions years



IMPOSSIBLE