

Creation vs. Evolution *What's the Evidence?*

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Our Agenda

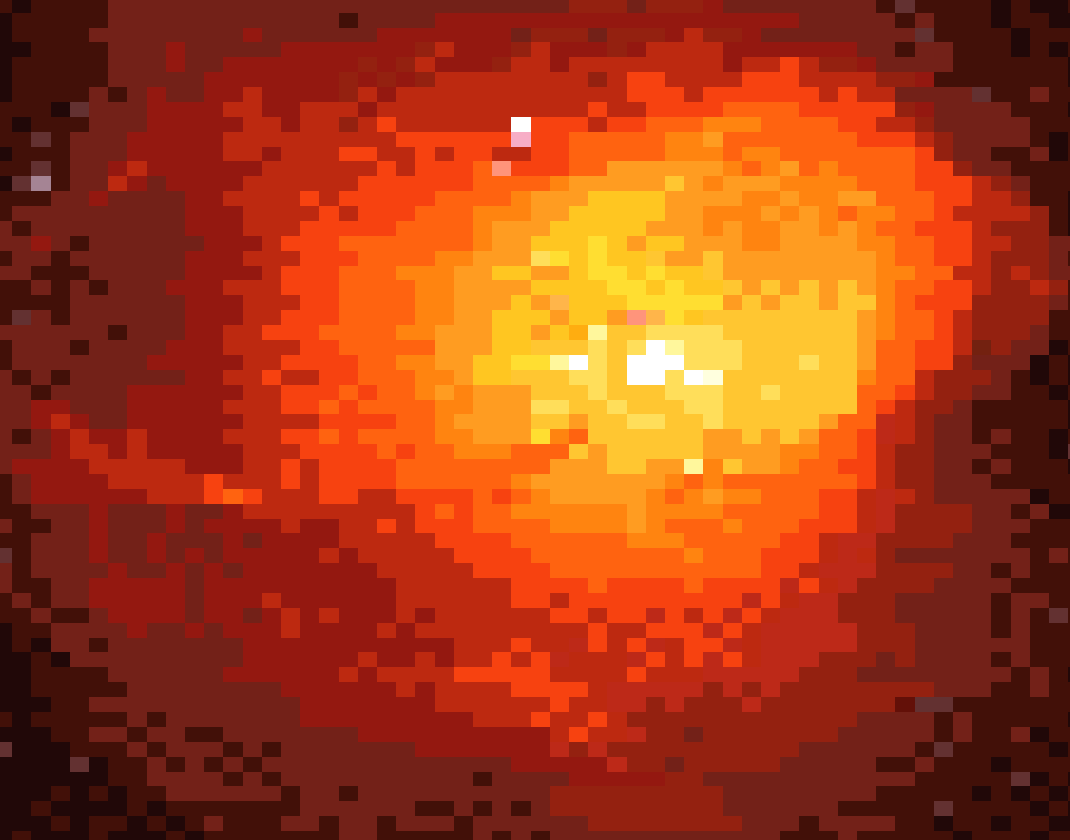


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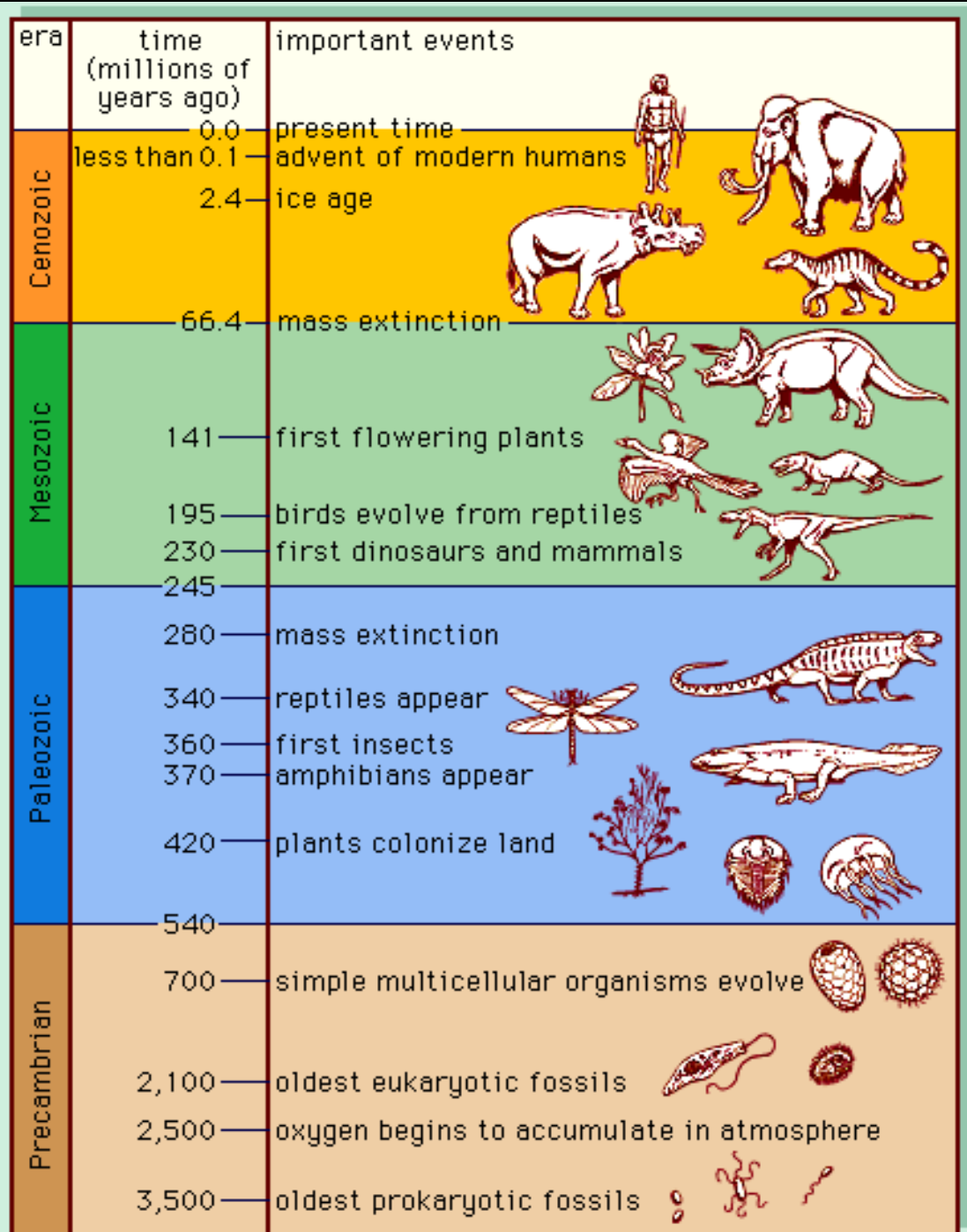


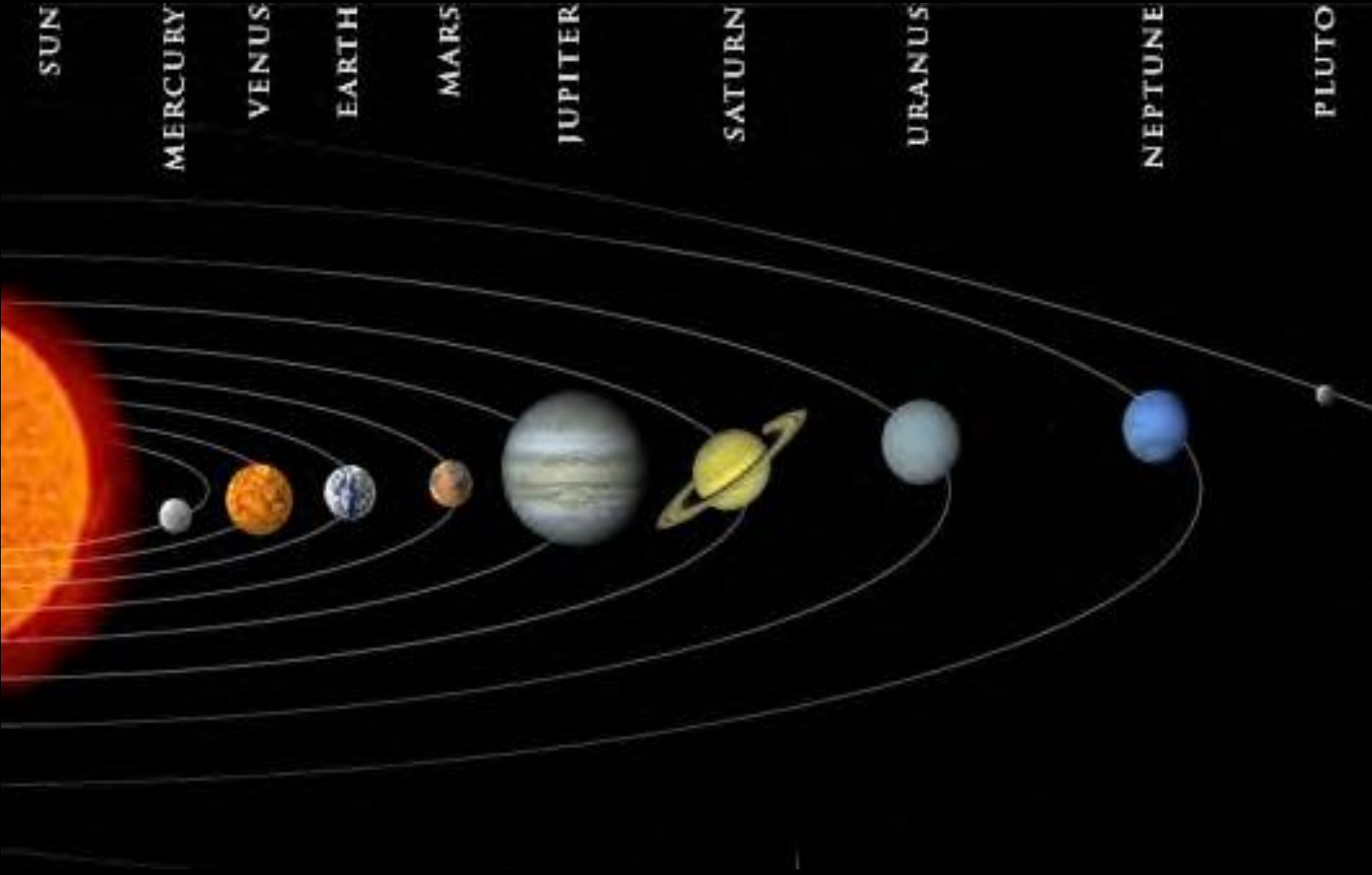
WORLDVIEWS & RELIGIONS

ATHEISM	PANTHEISM	THEISM
<i>Taoism</i>	<i>Hinduism</i>	<i>Judaism</i>
<i>Jainism</i>	<i>New Age</i>	<i>Islam</i>
<i>Secular Humanism</i>	<i>Zen Buddhism</i>	<i>Christianity</i>

The main tenets of a worldview can be shared by various religions and philosophies. Some religions can fall under several worldviews because the chief proponents have differed in their interpretations of God and the world. An example of this would be Buddhism and Taoism. Both religions can fit into a atheism, pantheism or even polytheism (See Worlds Apart by Geisler and Watkins).

Order and time-line of life suggested by evolutionists interpreting the fossil record:





SUN

MERCURY

VENUS

EARTH

MARS

JUPITER

SATURN

URANUS

NEPTUNE

PLUTO

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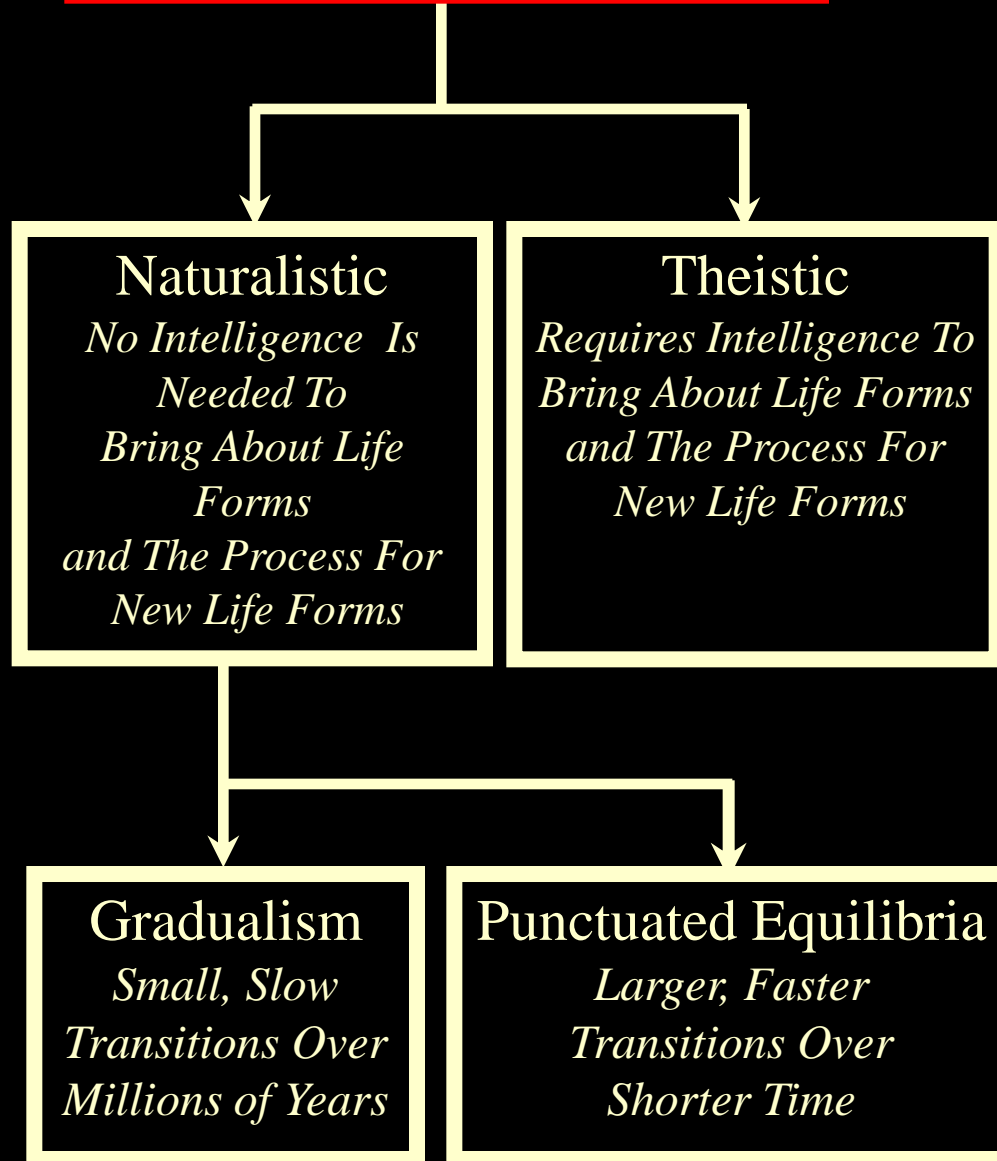
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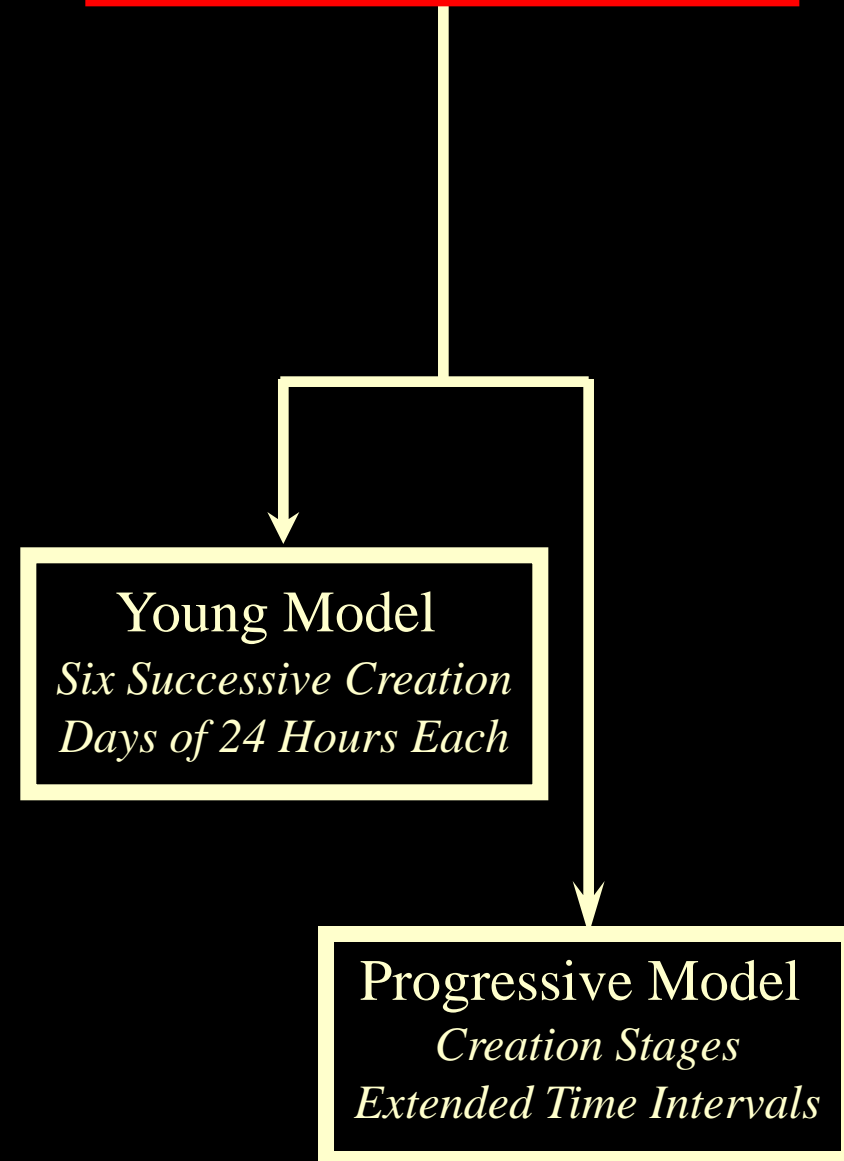
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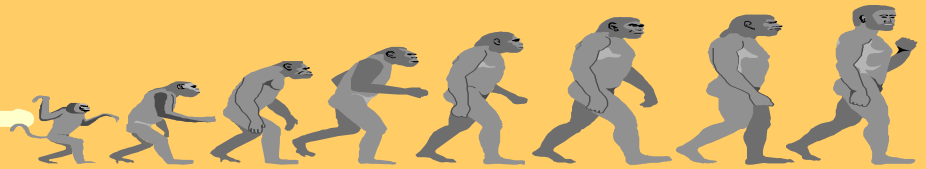
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Macroevolution

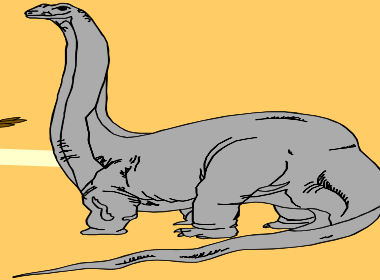


Intelligent Design

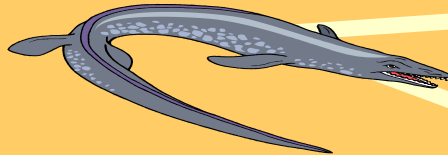




Age of Mammals



*Age of
Reptiles*



Age of Amphibians

Age of Fishes



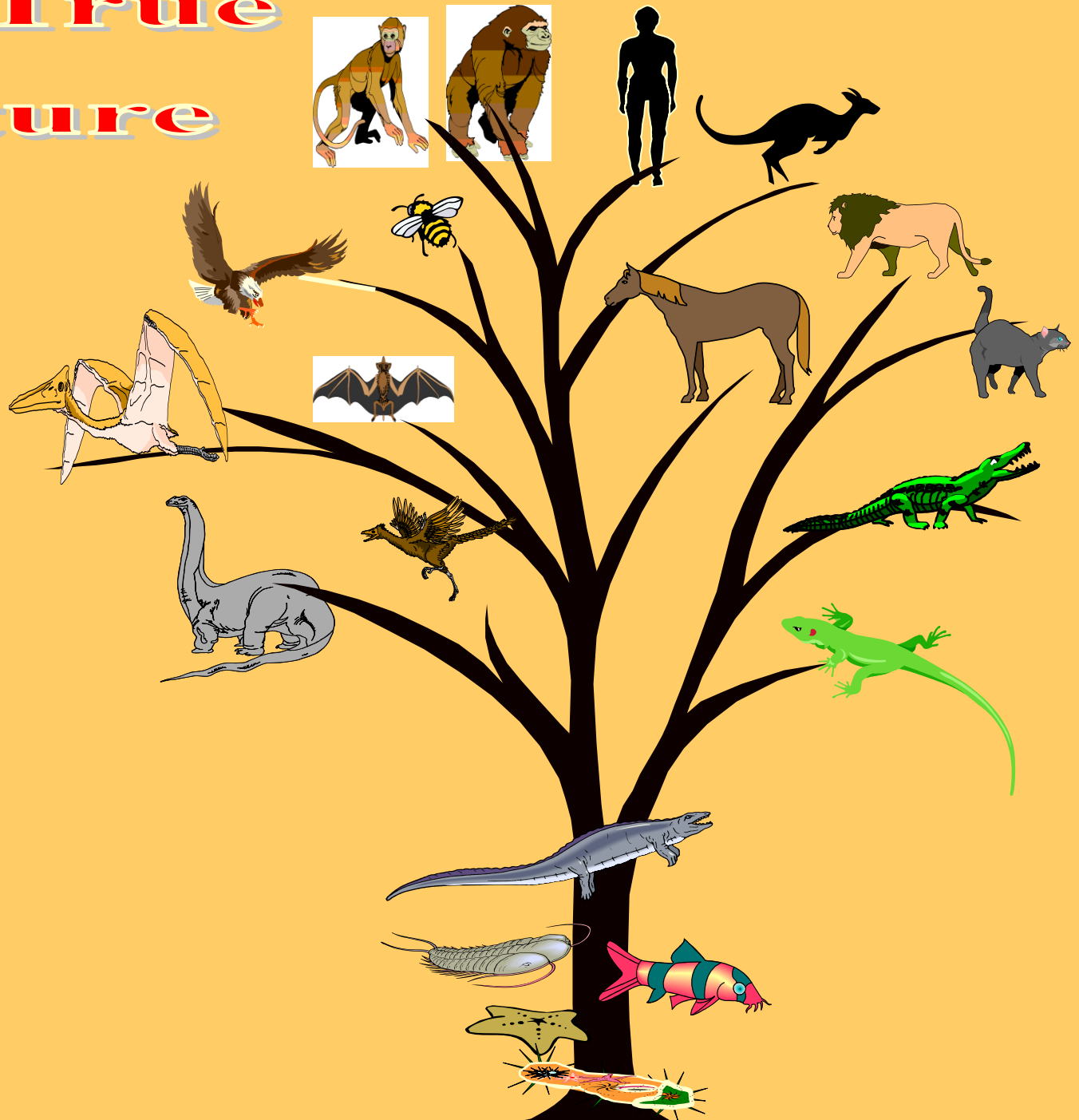
Age of Invertebrates

Macroevolution - Unlimited Change

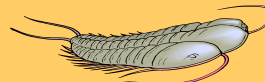
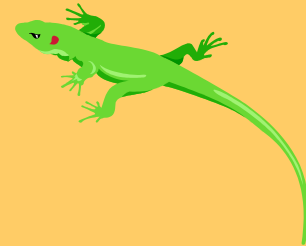
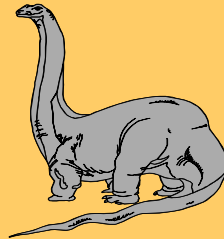
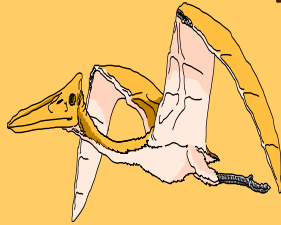
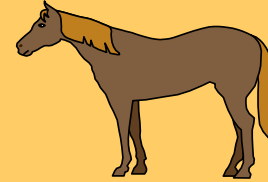
Hypothetical Evolutionary Tree



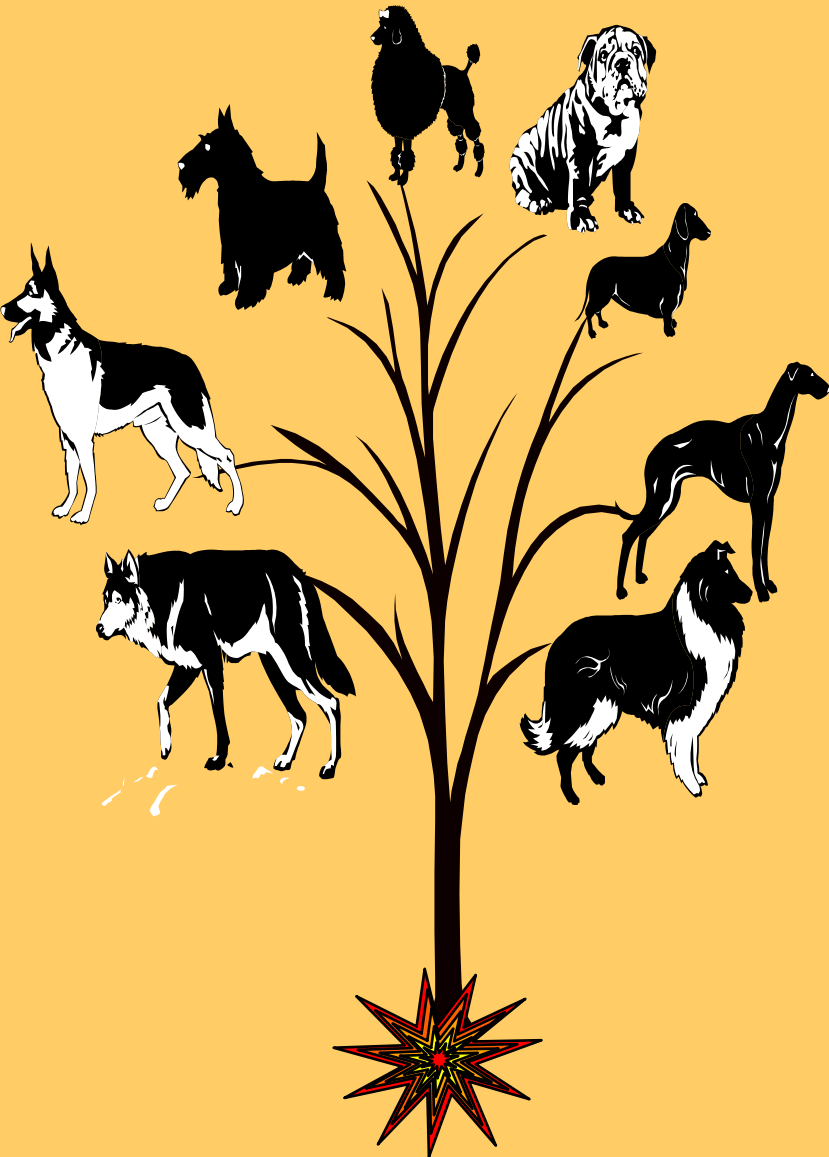
The True Picture



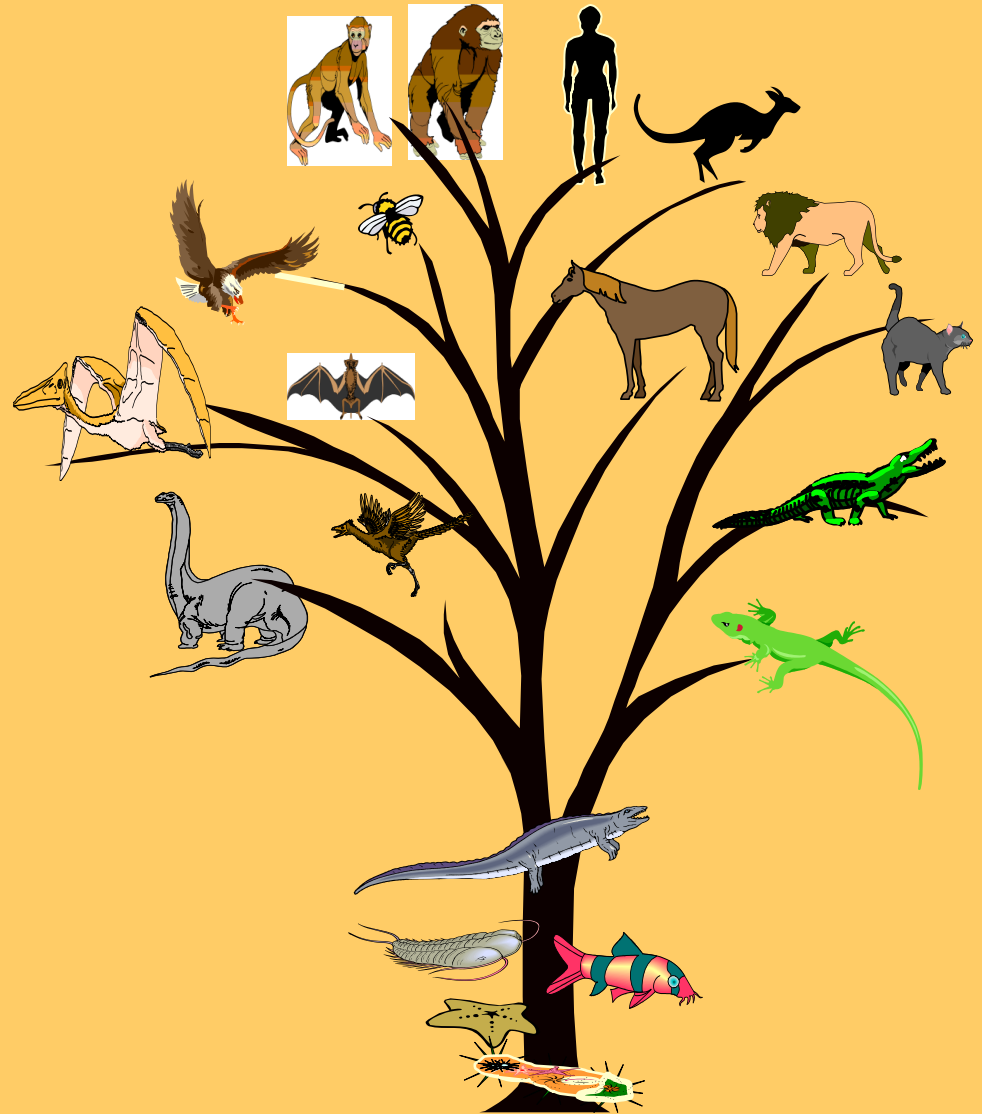
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Microevolution
within type: **YES**



Macroevolution
across types: **NO**



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Science

What is Science?



Science is a search for causes.

There are two types of causes:

- 1. Natural (non-intelligent)**
- 2. Intelligent**



GRAND CANYON

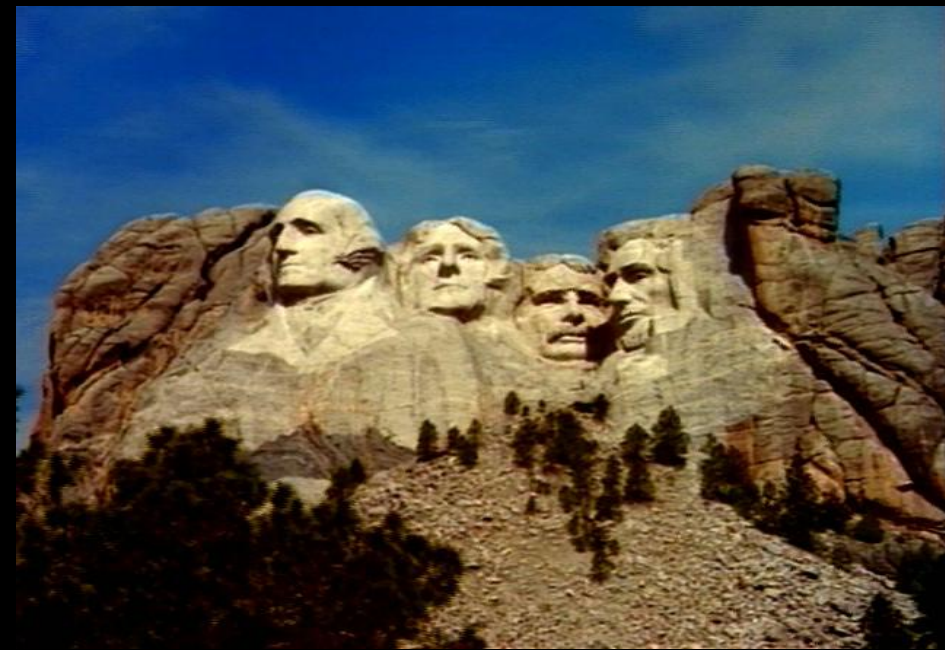


MT. RUSHMORE

TWO TYPES OF CAUSES

INTELLIGENT

NATURAL



Mount Rushmore



Grand Canyon



SAND DUNE



SAND CASTLE

TWO TYPES OF CAUSES

INTELLIGENT

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Sand Castle



Sand Dune

What is the Scientific Method?



The method of searching for causes usually involves *observation* and *repetition* and assumes:

1. The **Principle of Causality**-- Everything that comes to be has a cause;
2. The **Principle of Uniformity**-- Causes in the past were like those we observe today.

Investigating the Past



The **principle of uniformity**
leads us to different
conclusions regarding the
causes of past events. . . .

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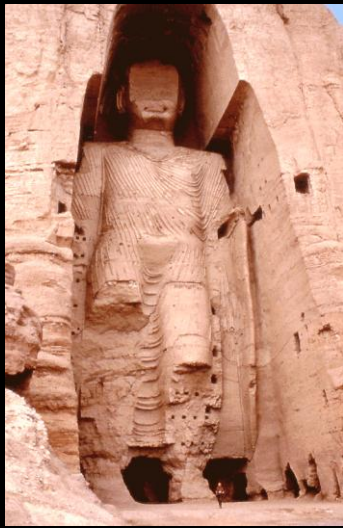
Sand Castle



Sand Dune

What Caused Mt. Rushmore?

Past: Intelligent
Designer



Today: Intelligent
Designer



1000 BC 1 AD 1000 2000

Principle of Uniformity

**Causes in the past were
like those in the present**

What Caused Jesus in the Sand?

Past: Intelligent Designer



Today: Intelligent Designer



-1000 BC

1 AD

1000

2000

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The Two Fundamental Origin Questions for Biology



What is the origin of:

- 1. First Life?**
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One-celled amoeba

Origin of First Life (Only two possibilities)

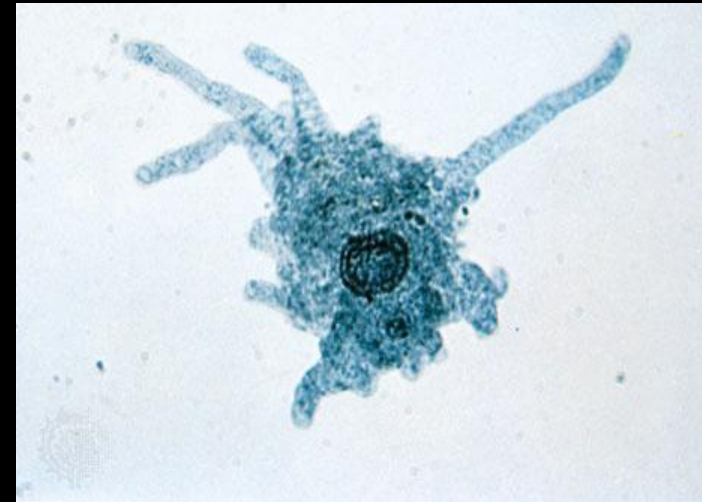
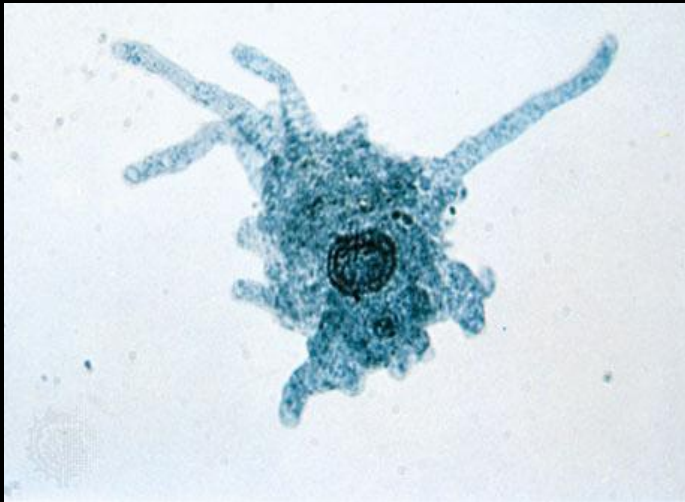
Intelligent Intervention
(Intelligent Design)

No Intelligent Intervention
(Naturalistic Spontaneous Generation)

What Caused First Life?

Same type of cause

**Intelligent Design or
Natural Law?**



Distant Past

2001

Principle of Uniformity

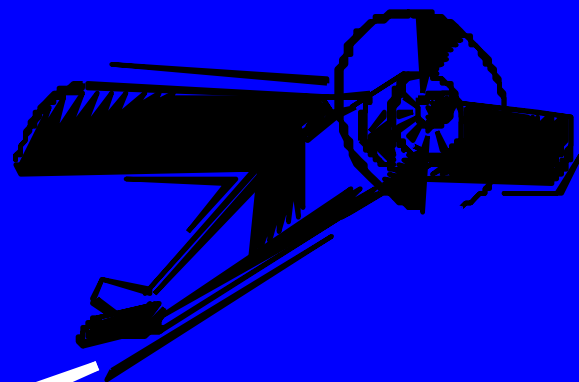
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Intelligent Design from an Intelligent Being (Mom)

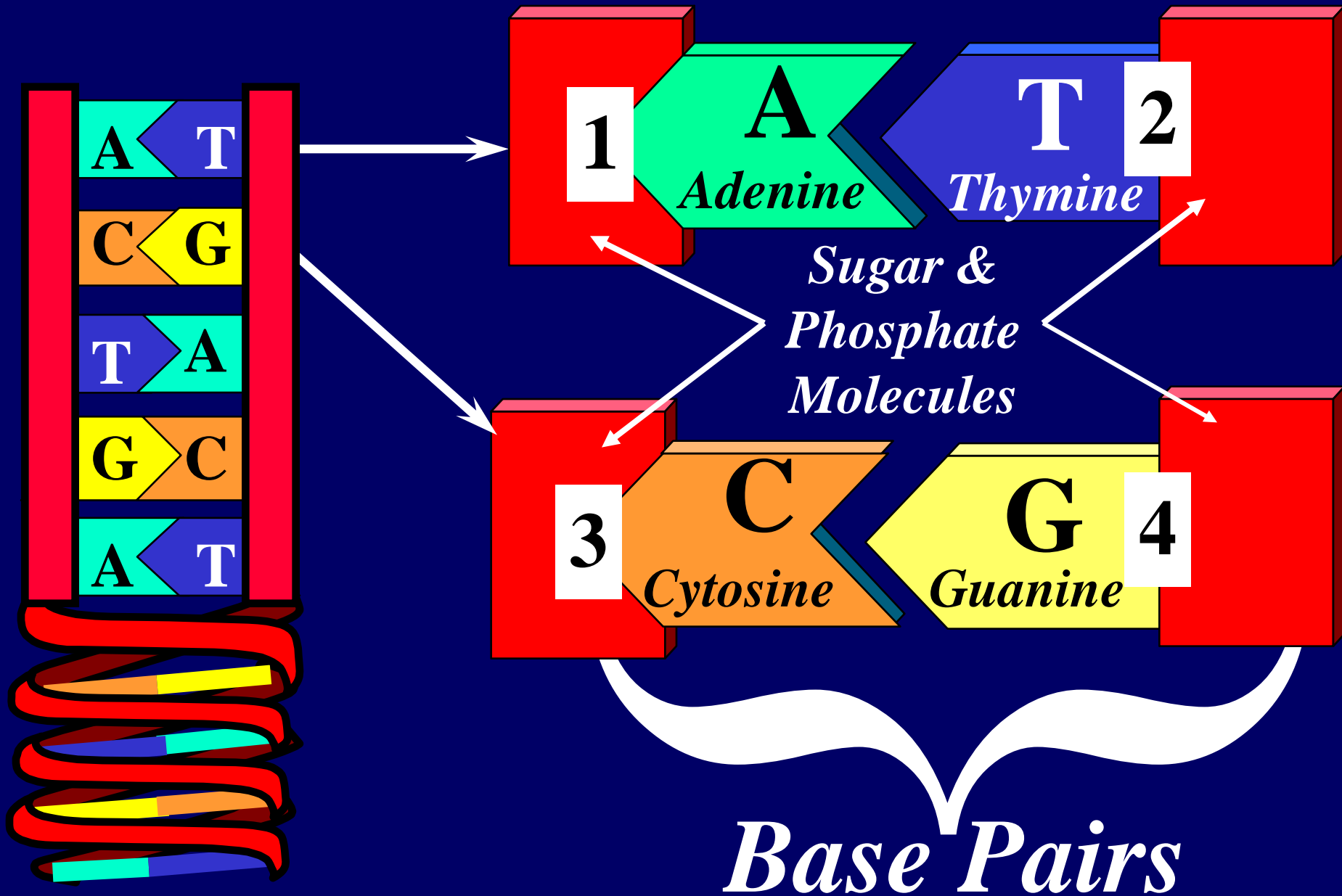
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- M O M

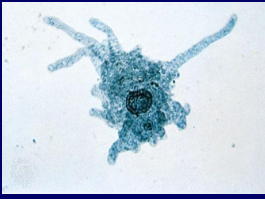


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Coke

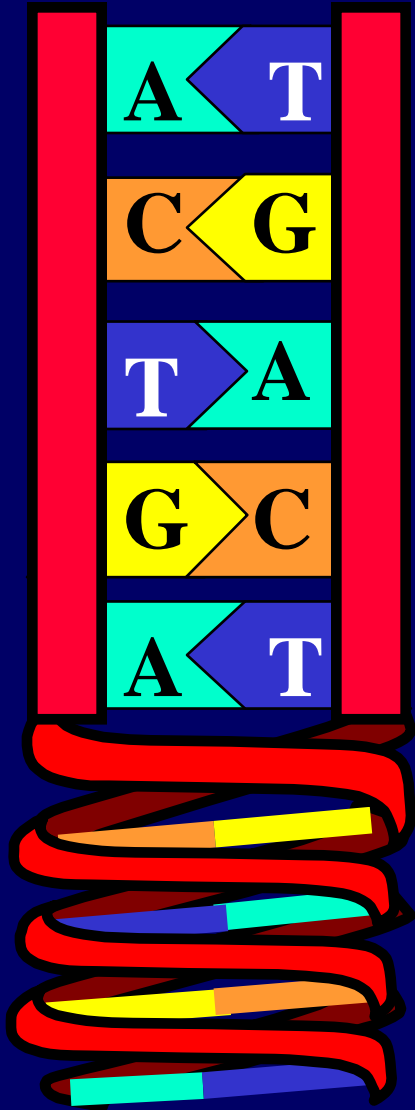


DNA's Four Letter Genetic Alphabet



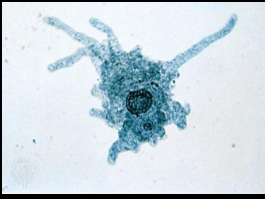


Amoeba's DNA = Message

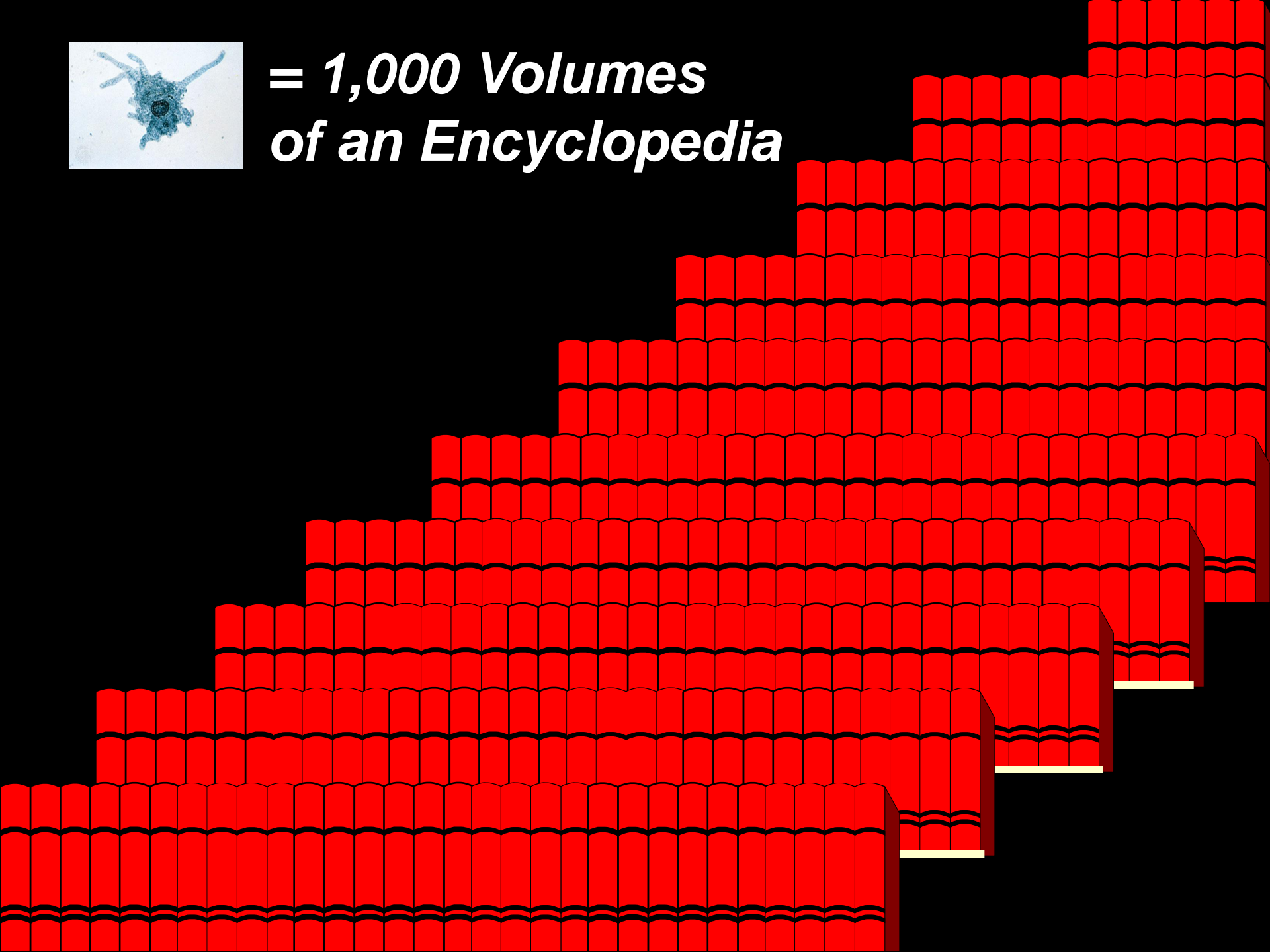


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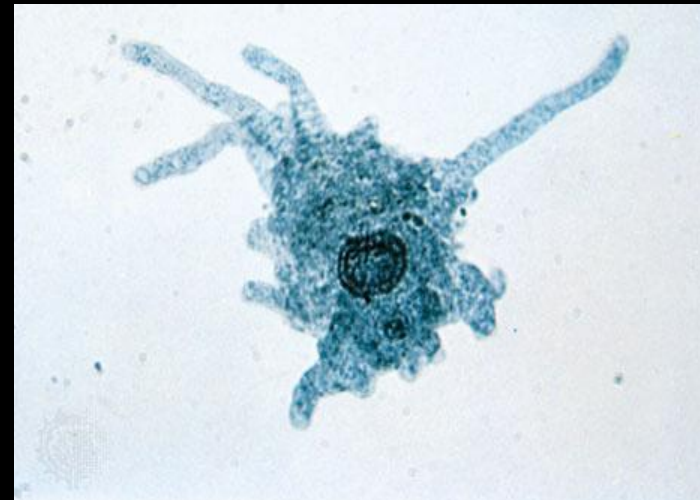
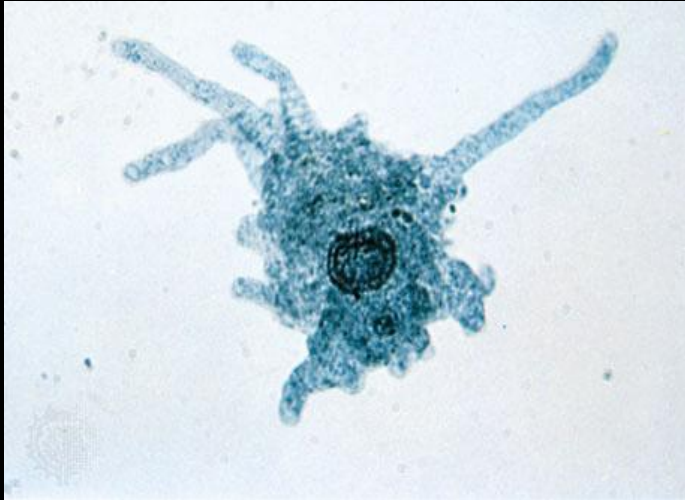
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What Caused First Life?

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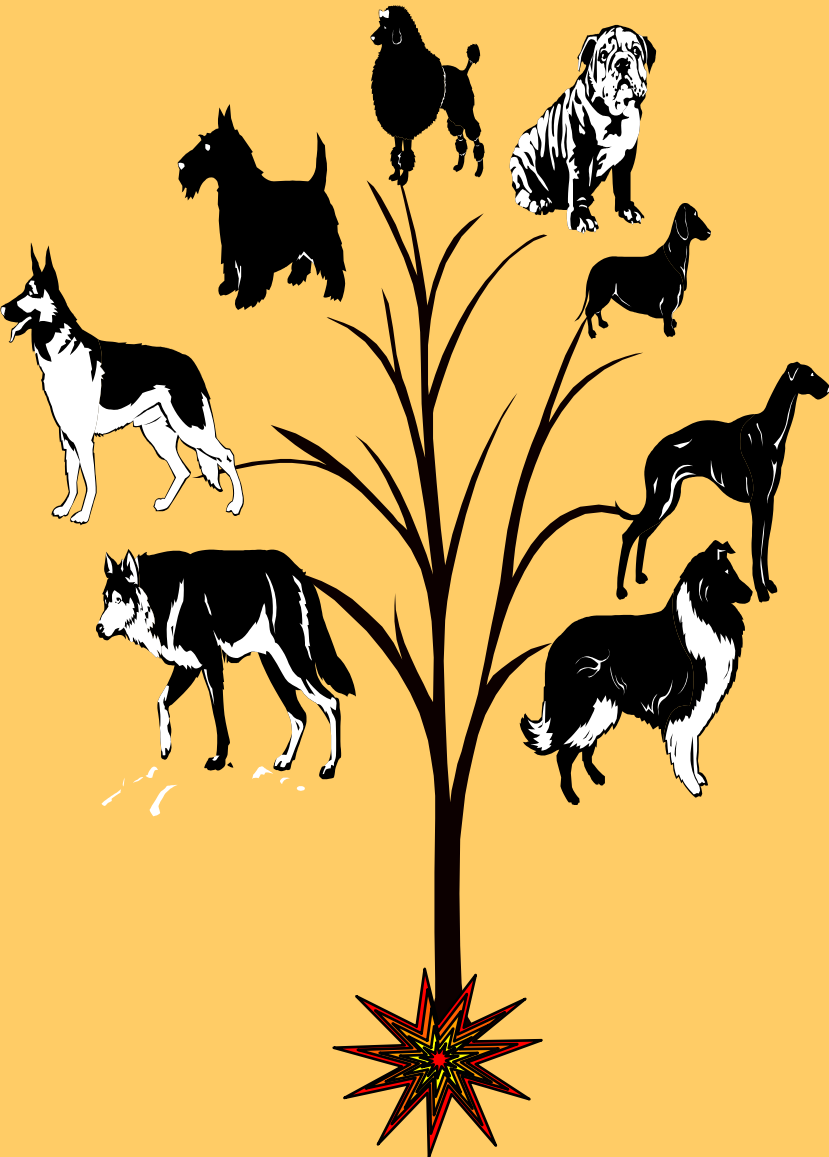
Today: Intelligent
Design



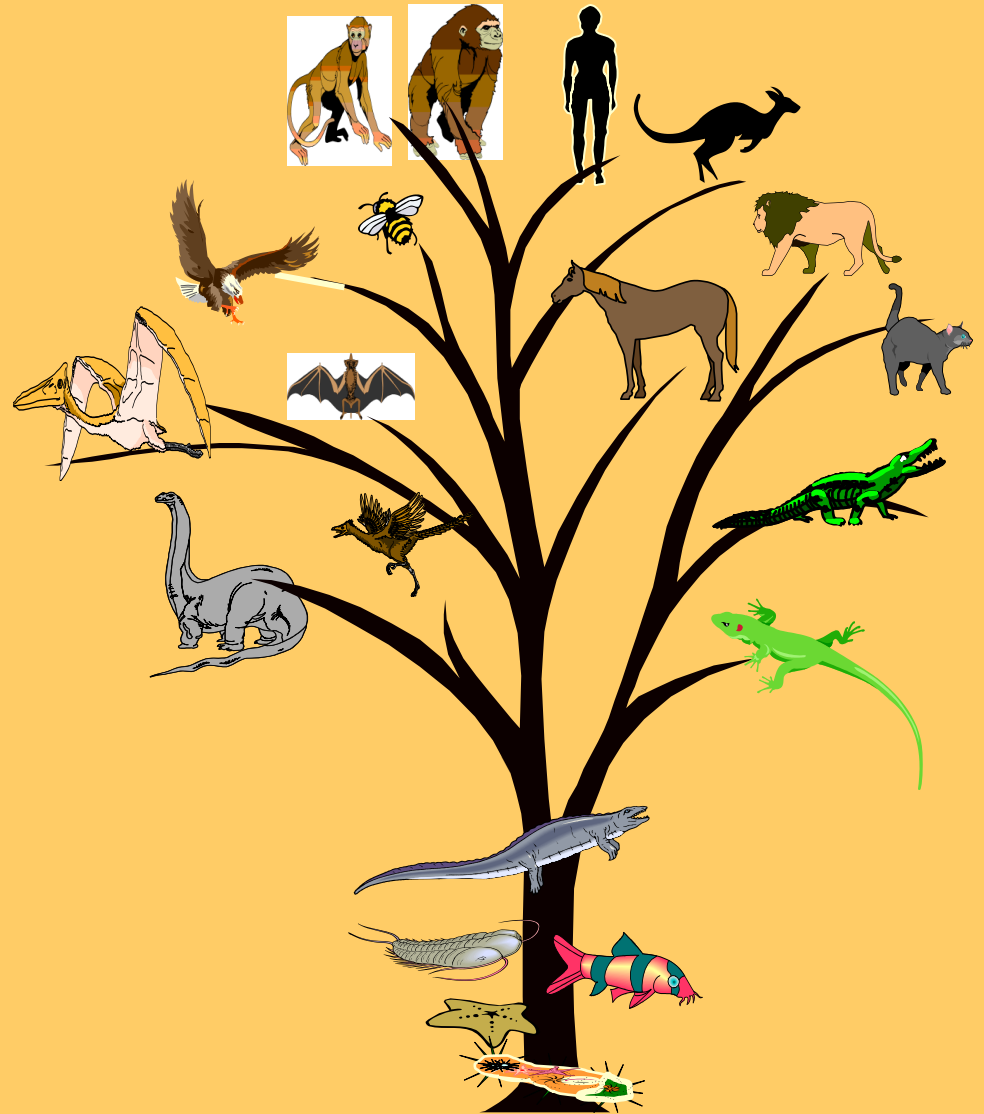
Principle of Uniformity

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Microevolution within type



Macroevolution across types

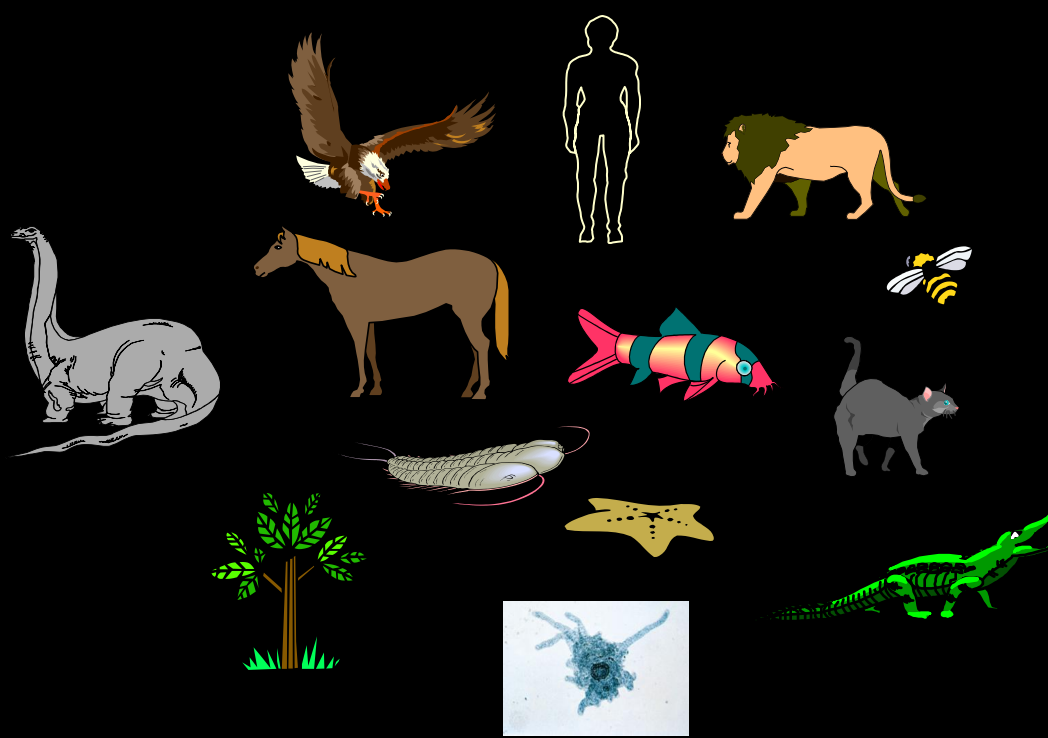


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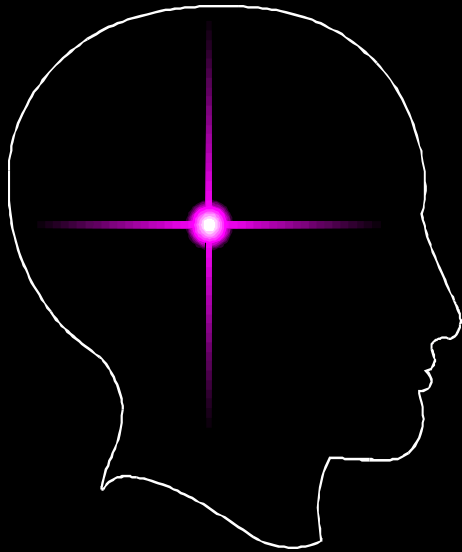
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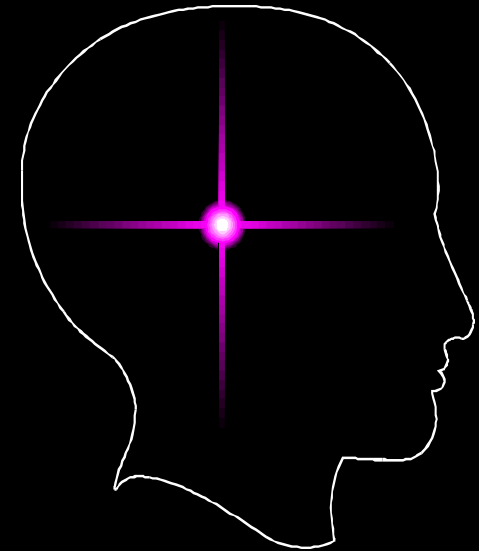
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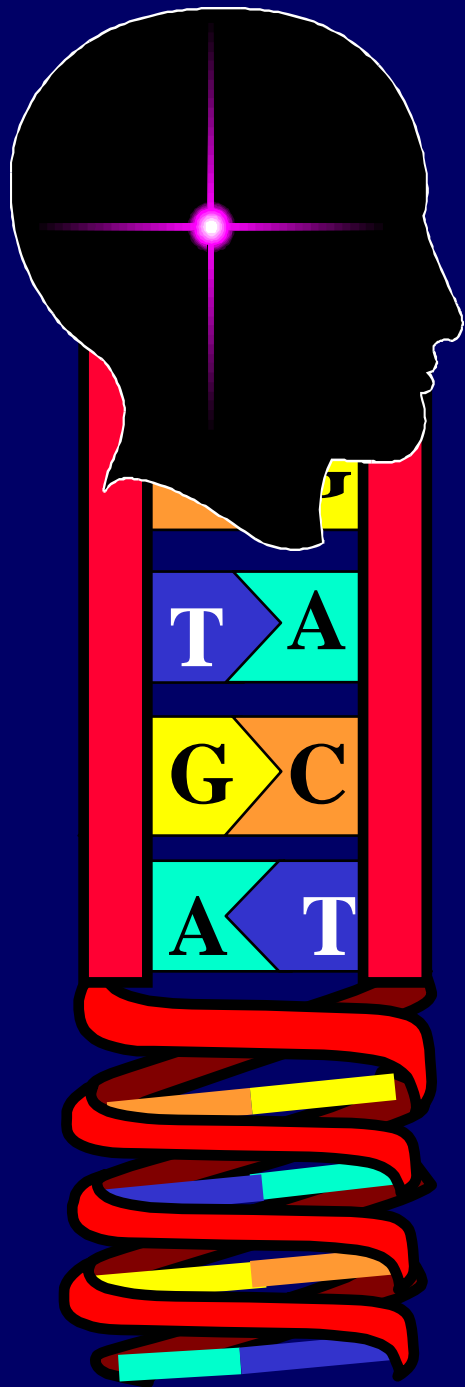
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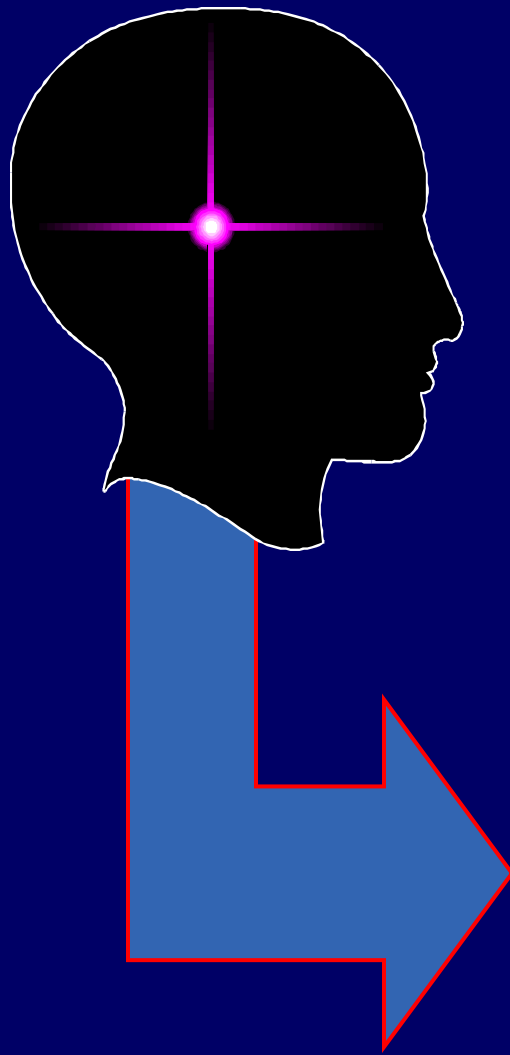
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Brain's DNA =

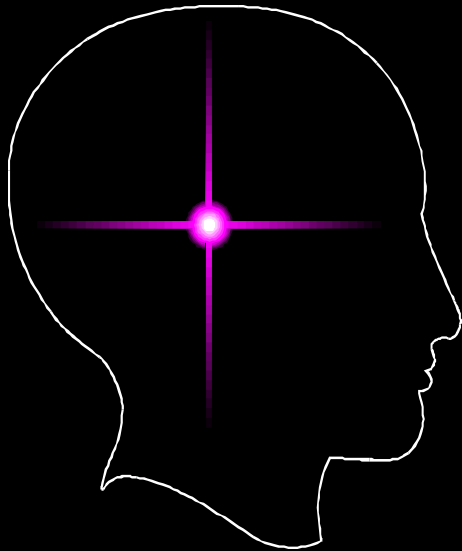
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**1000 books
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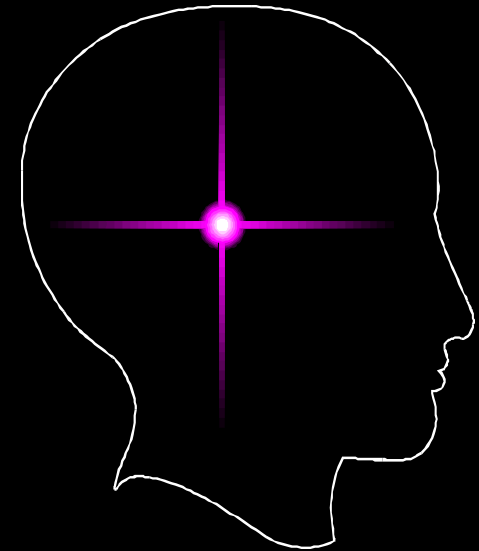


What Caused Human Life?

Past: Evolutionists say non-intelligent *Natural Law*



Today: Intelligent Design



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Two Views of Origins

NO INTELLIGENCE

- Water Fall
- Wind Erosion
- Grand Canyon



INTELLIGENCE

- Hydroelectric Plant
- Wind Mill
- Mt. Rushmore



Two Types of Science

Operation Science

Studies Present

Studies Regularities

Studies Repeatable

Re-creation Possible

How Things Work

By Experiment

Primarily Empirical

Origin Science

Studies Past

Studies Singularities

Studies Unrepeatable

Re-creation Impossible

How Things Began

By Uniformity

Primarily Forensic

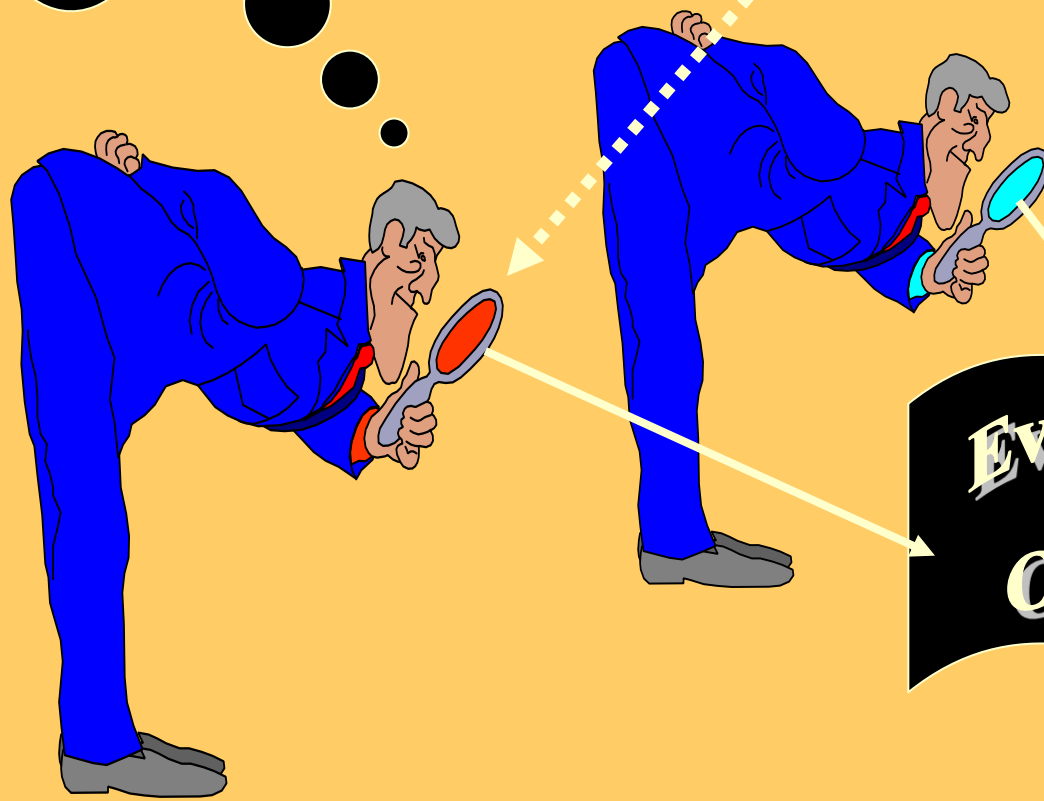
Both Creation & Macro Evolution require Origin Science



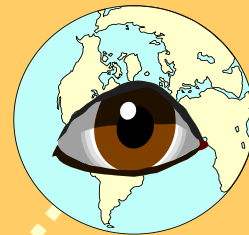
*Human
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*Human
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**Worldview
Confusion**



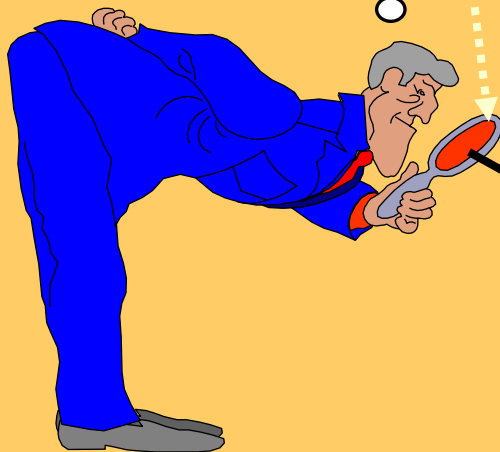
**Evidence for the
Origin of Life**



CAN MIRACLES BE A PART OF TRUE HISTORY?

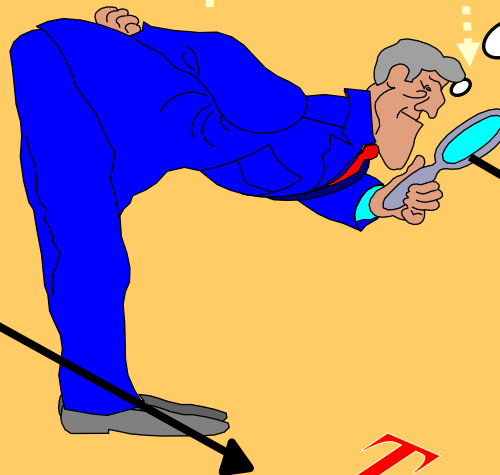
Naturalism

*Miracles
Are Not
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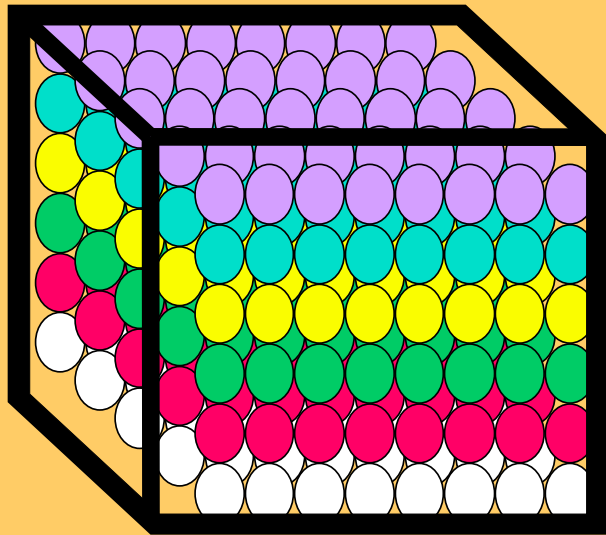
Theism

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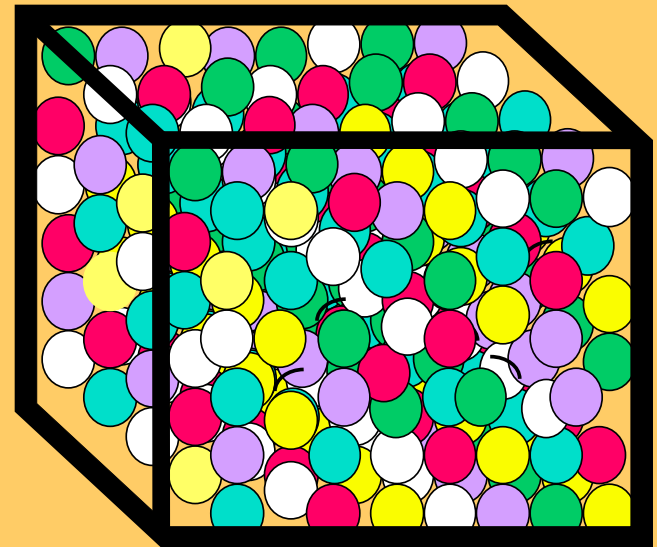


*History
and
Truth*

*Original System
Highly Ordered*



*Increased Disorder
With Time*

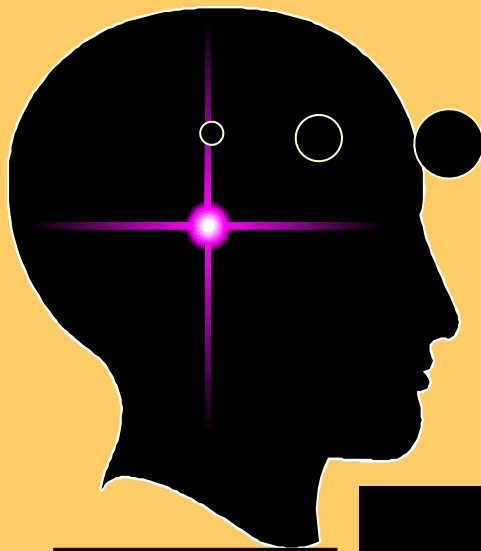


Information Theory



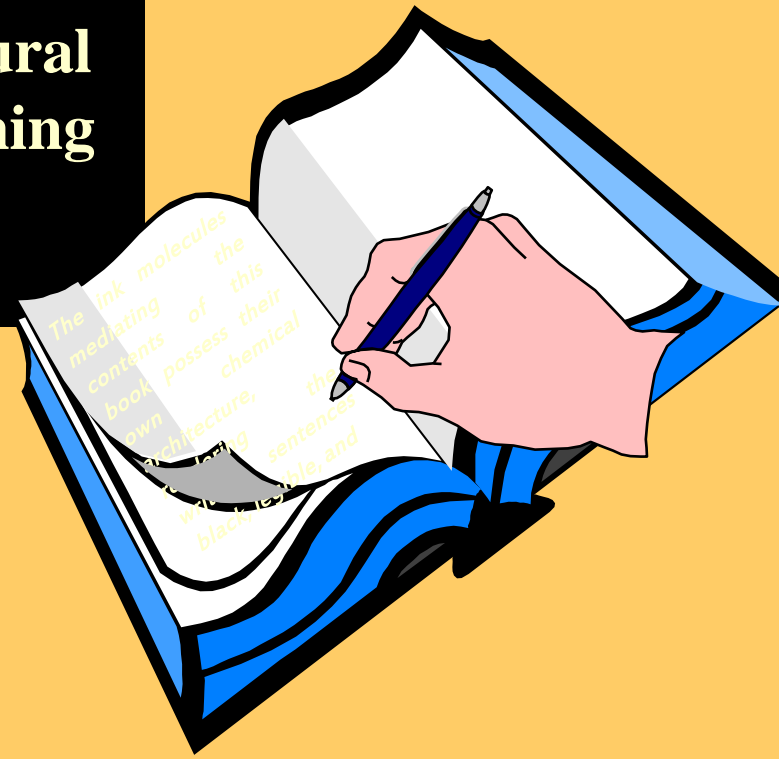
INFORMATION THEORY





Ideas/Information
MIND

**Transcendent
ideas/information expressed
in accordance with natural
laws (chemistry) governing
ink and paper**
MATTER

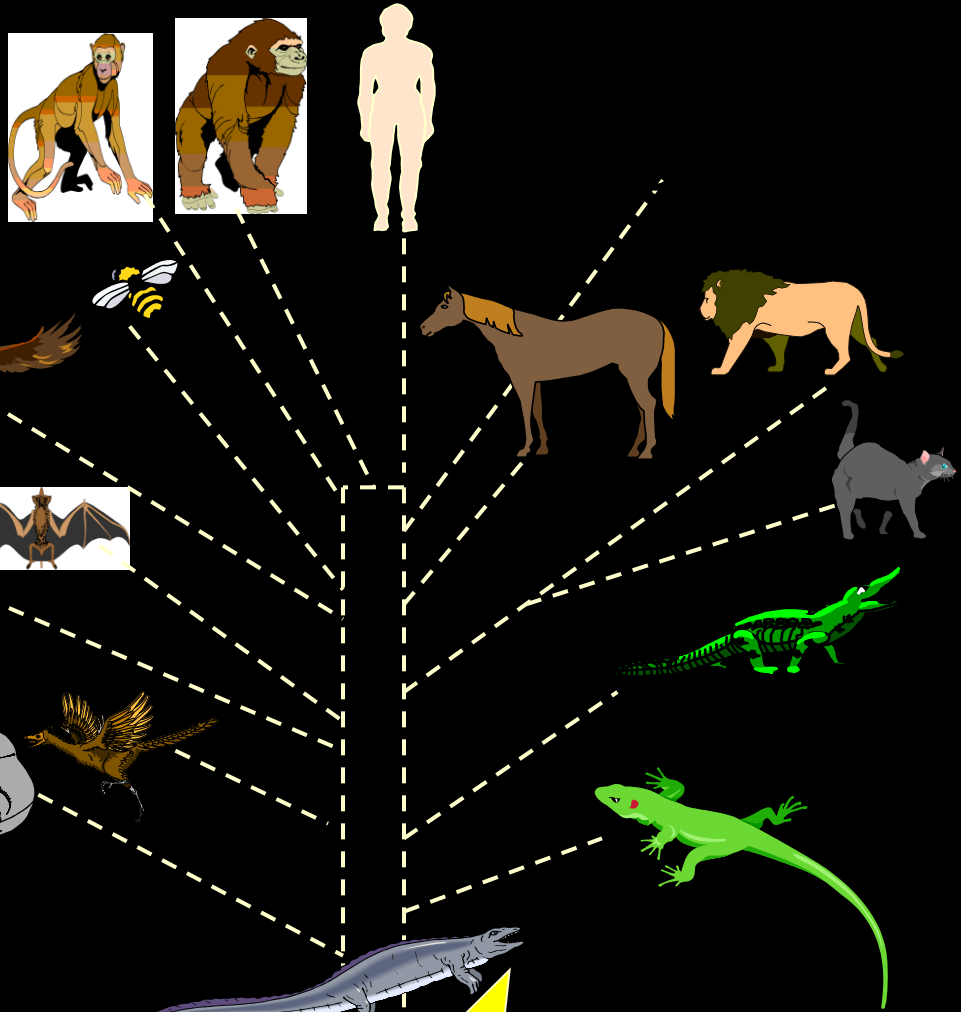


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Evolution's Hypothetical

Phylogenetic Tree



Key: - - - - -

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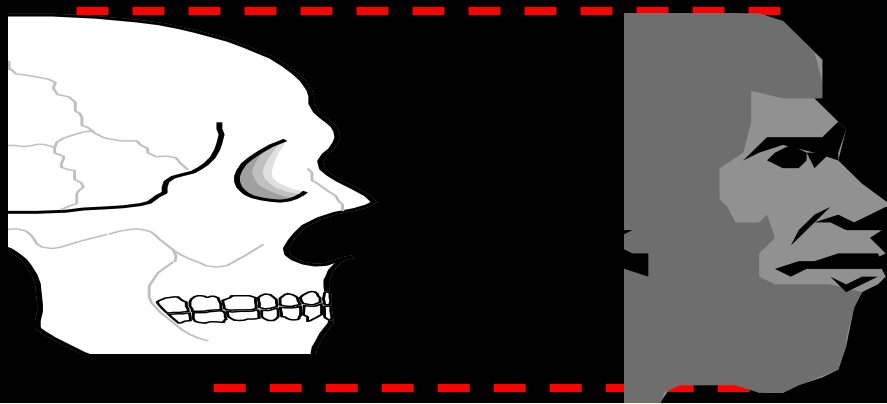
Cambrian Explosion

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Artists Conception of Same Fossilized Skull Fragment

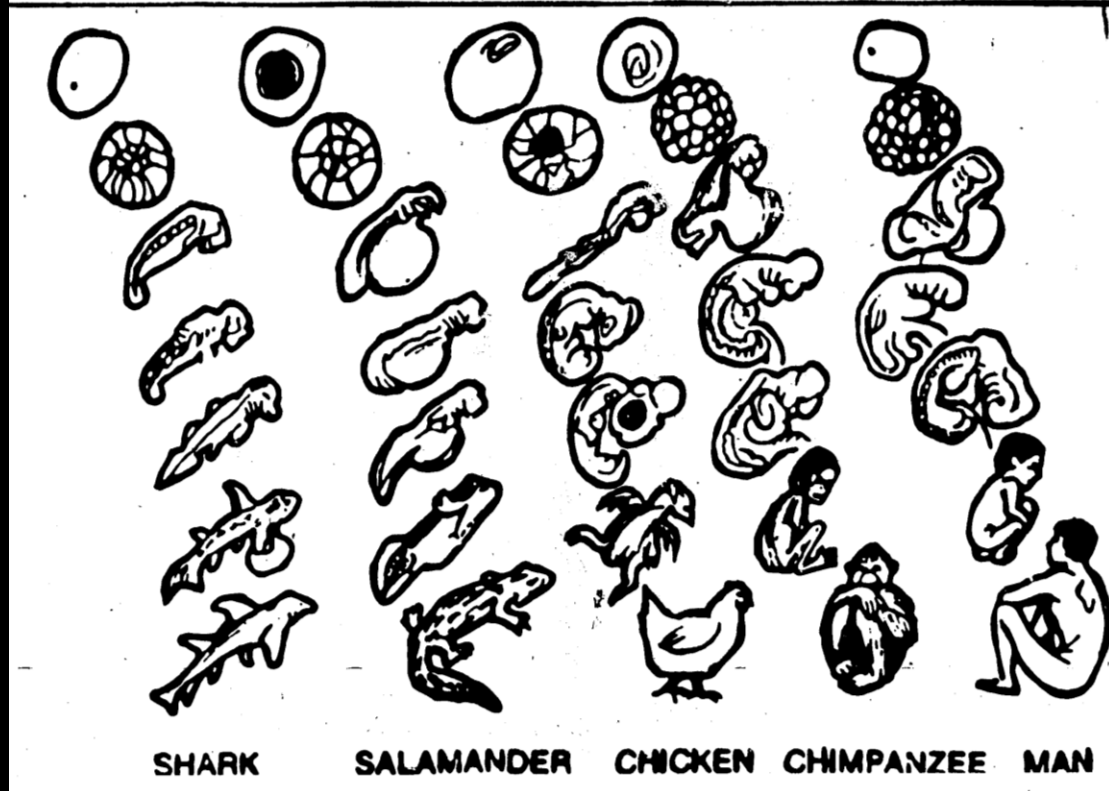
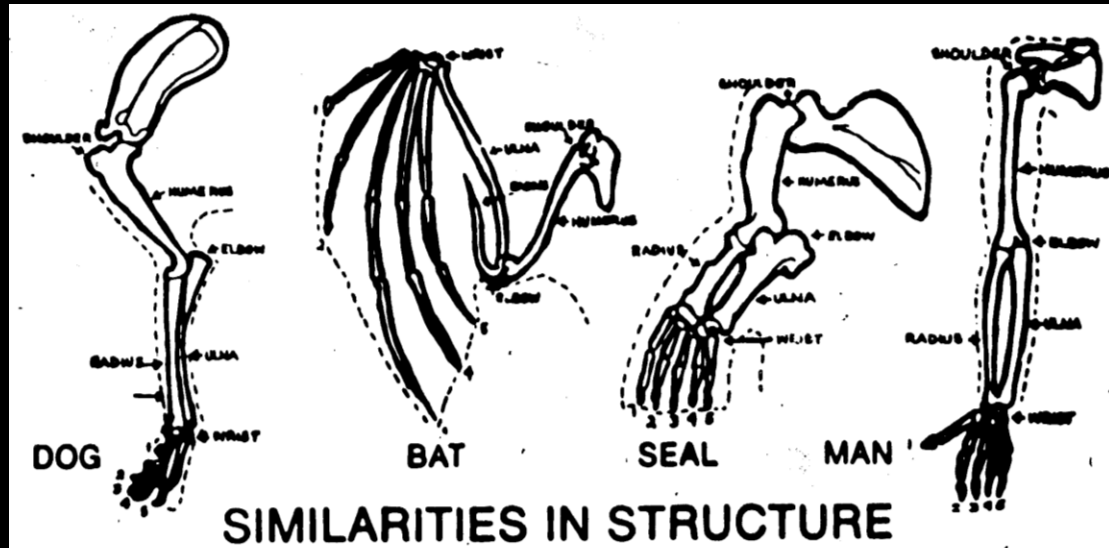


Macroevolutionary Artist



Design Model Artist

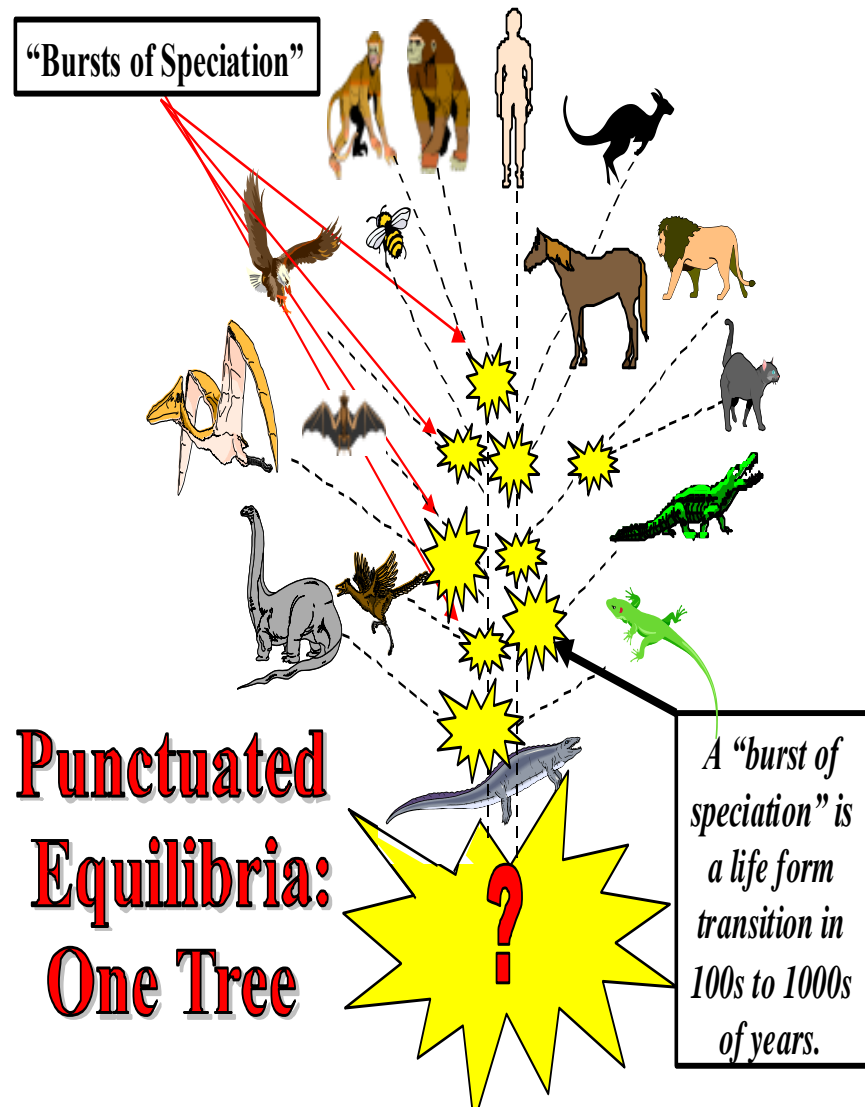
Does
similarity
of
structure
prove a
common
ancestor or
a common
designer?



Does
similarity of
design prove
that the pot
evolved from
the tea
spoon?



COMMON ANCESTOR

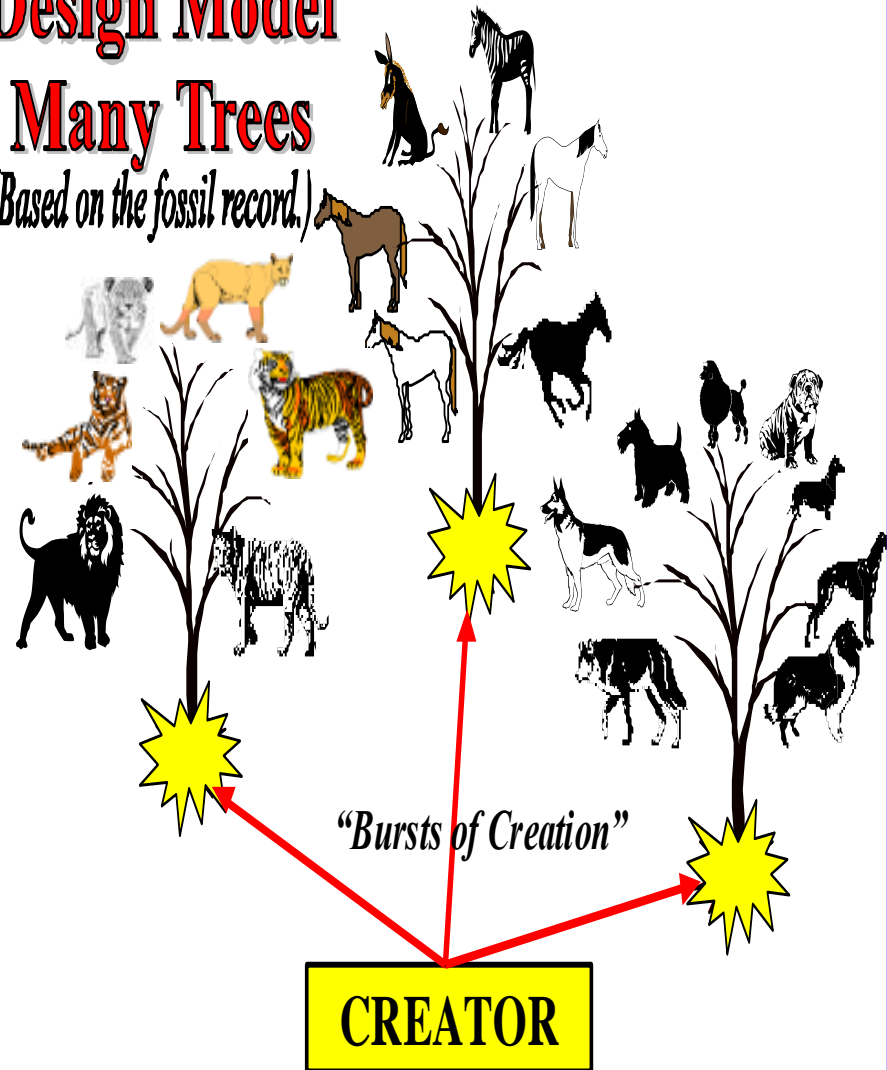


COMMON CREATOR

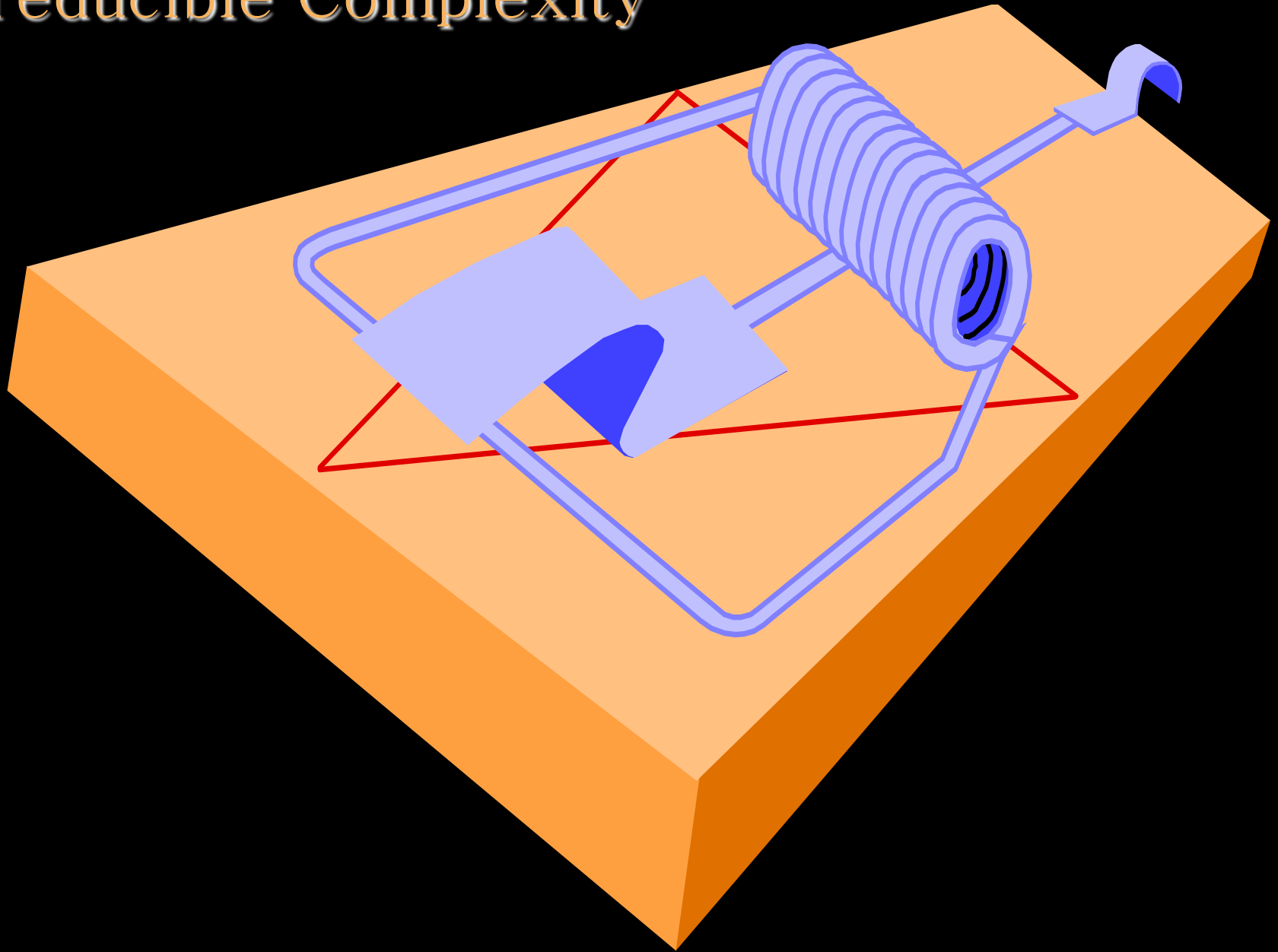
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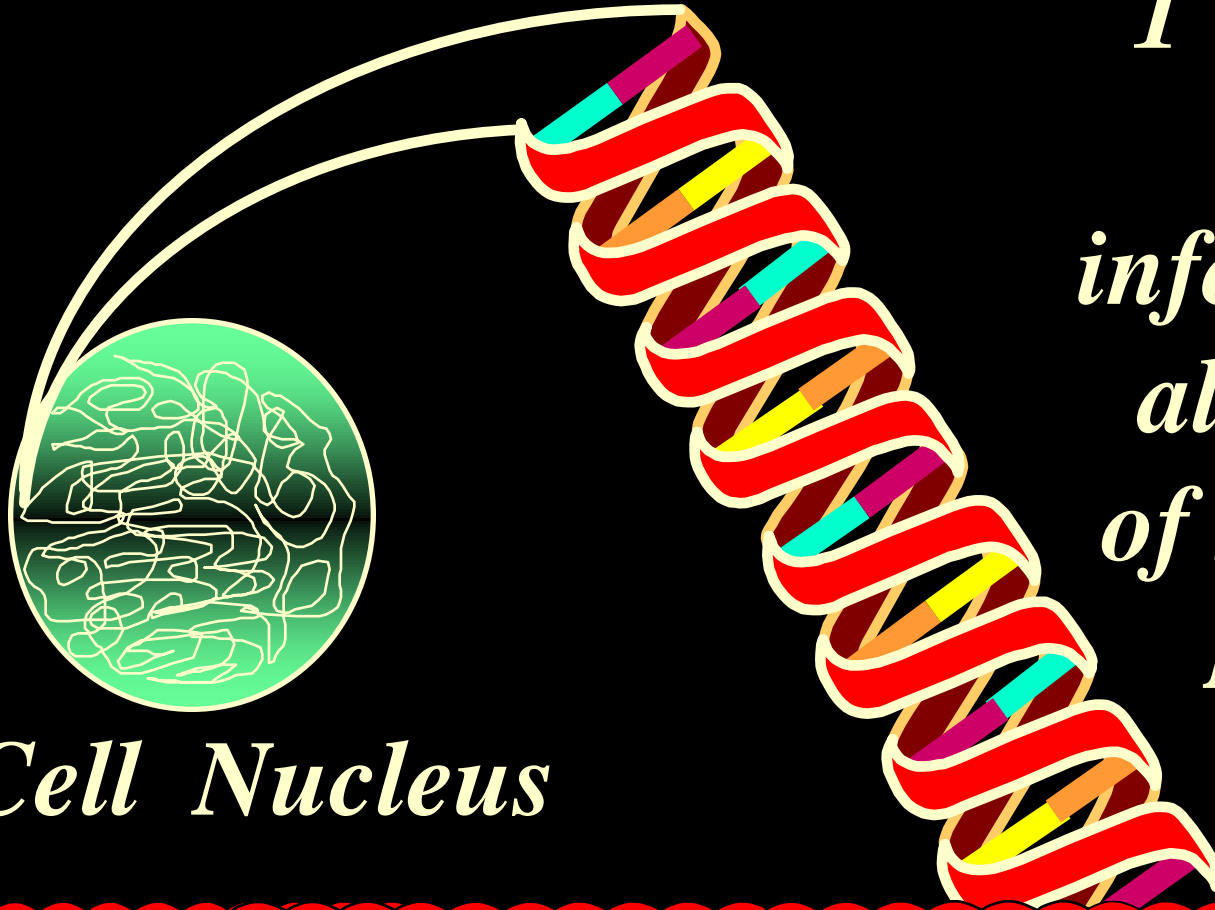
Many Trees

(Based on the fossil record.)



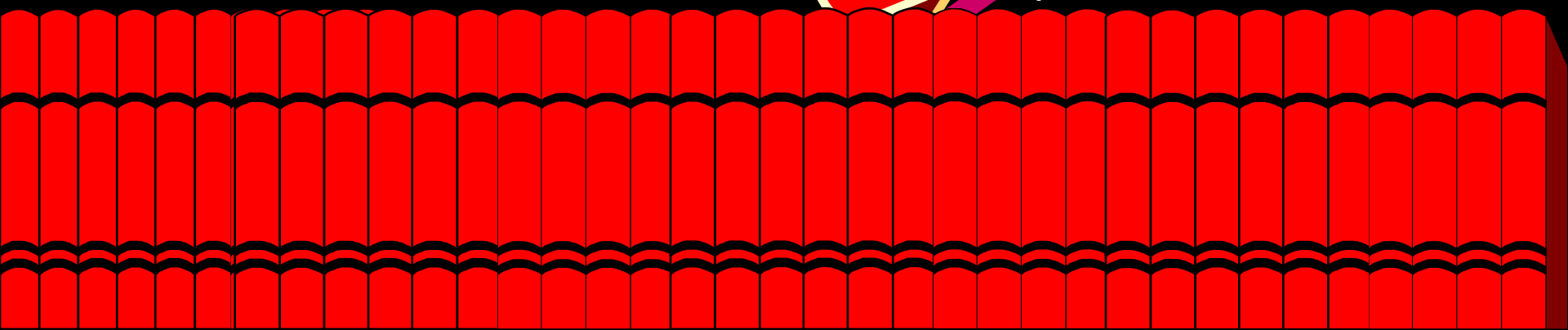
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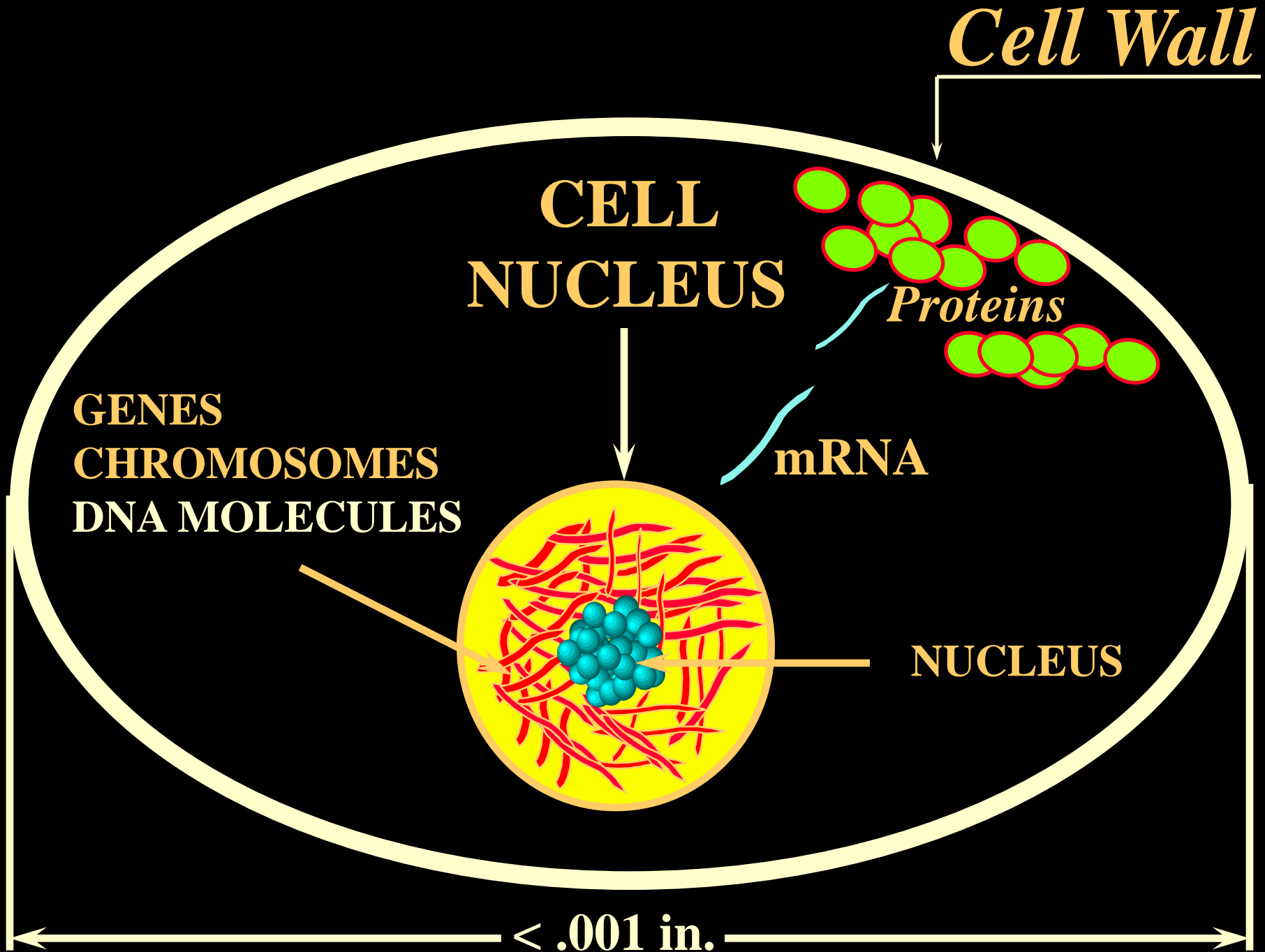




*1 Cell Nucleus
has more
information than
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of Encyclopedia
Britannica.*

Cell Nucleus





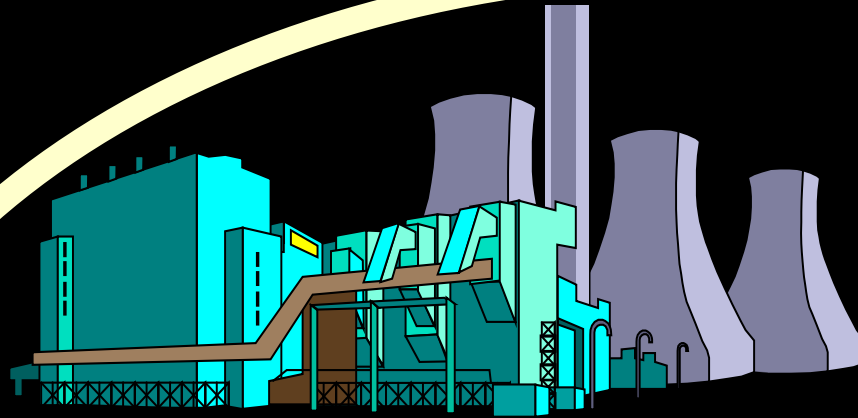
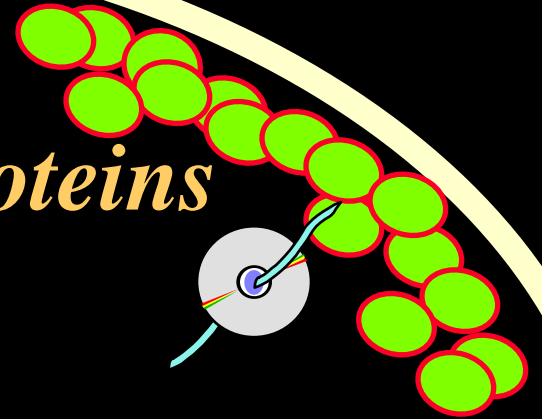
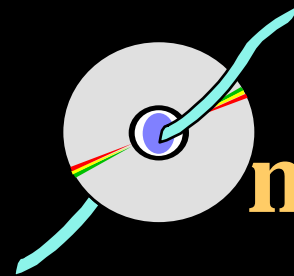
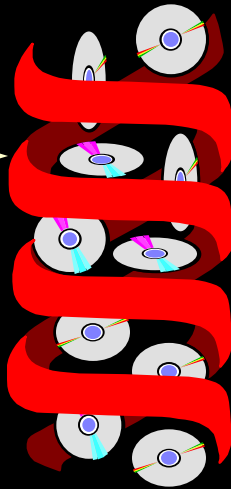
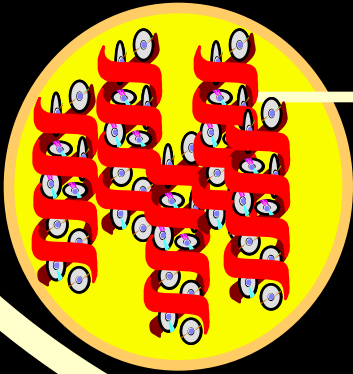
Cell Wall

Proteins

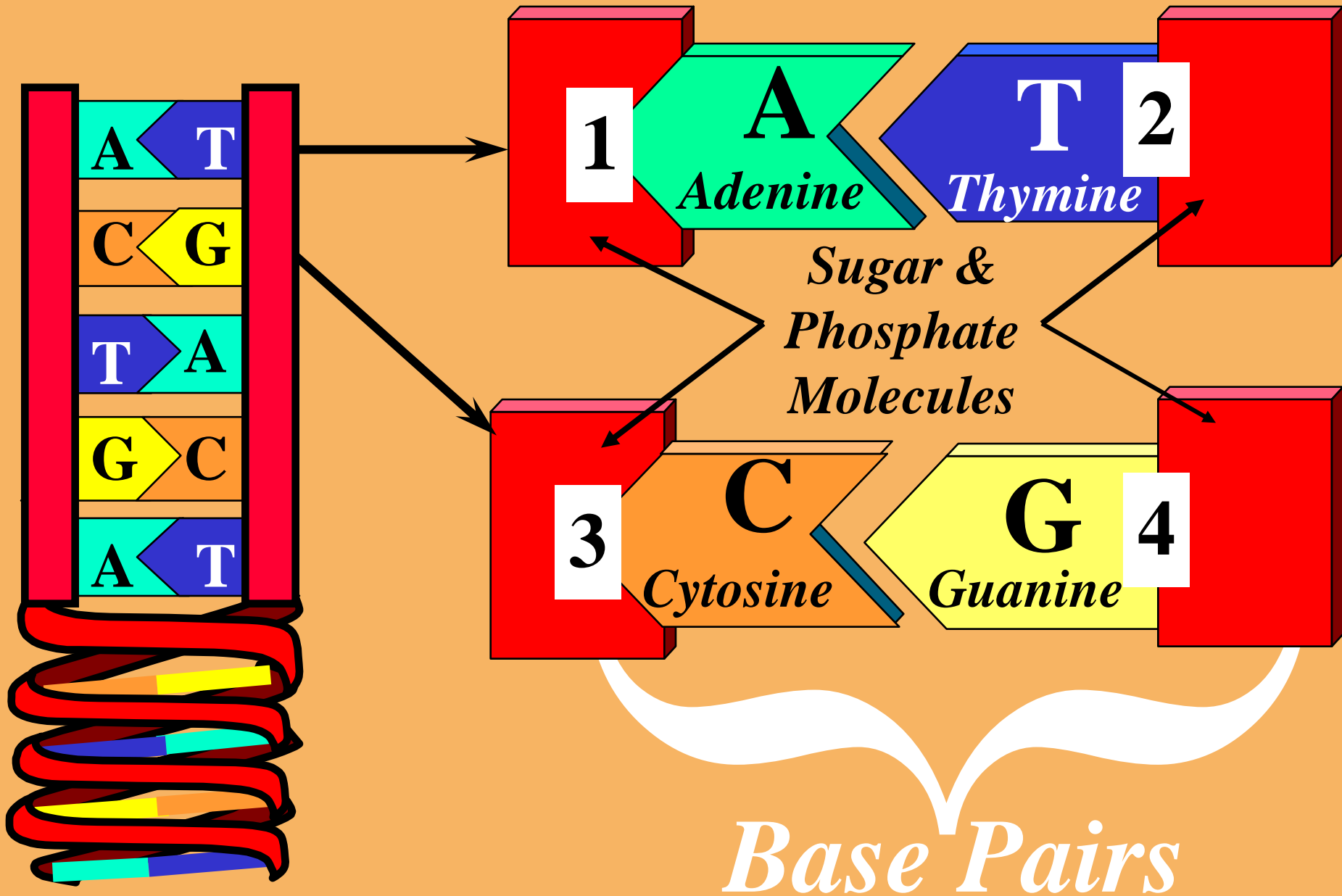
**COMPUTER
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DNA

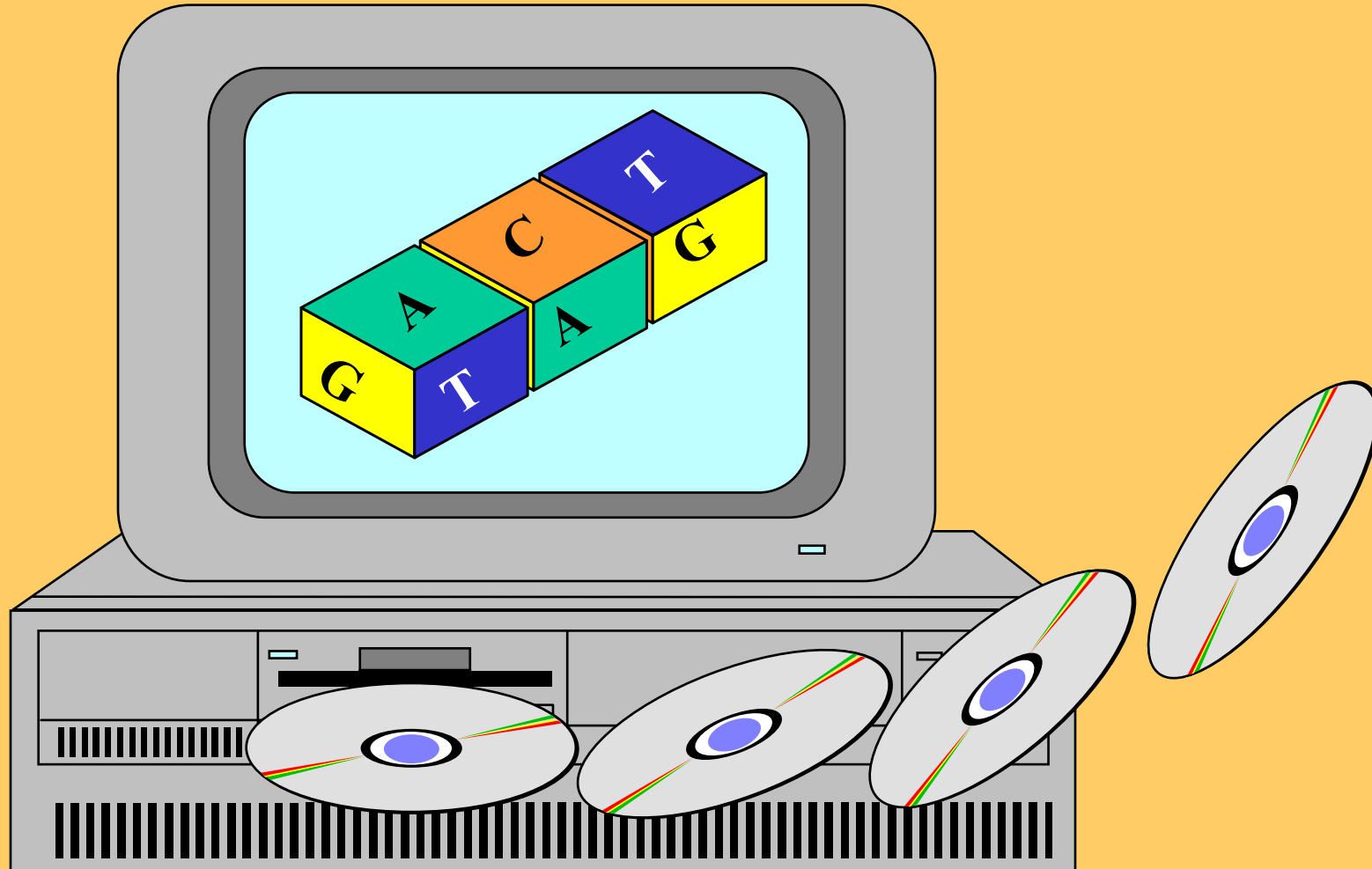
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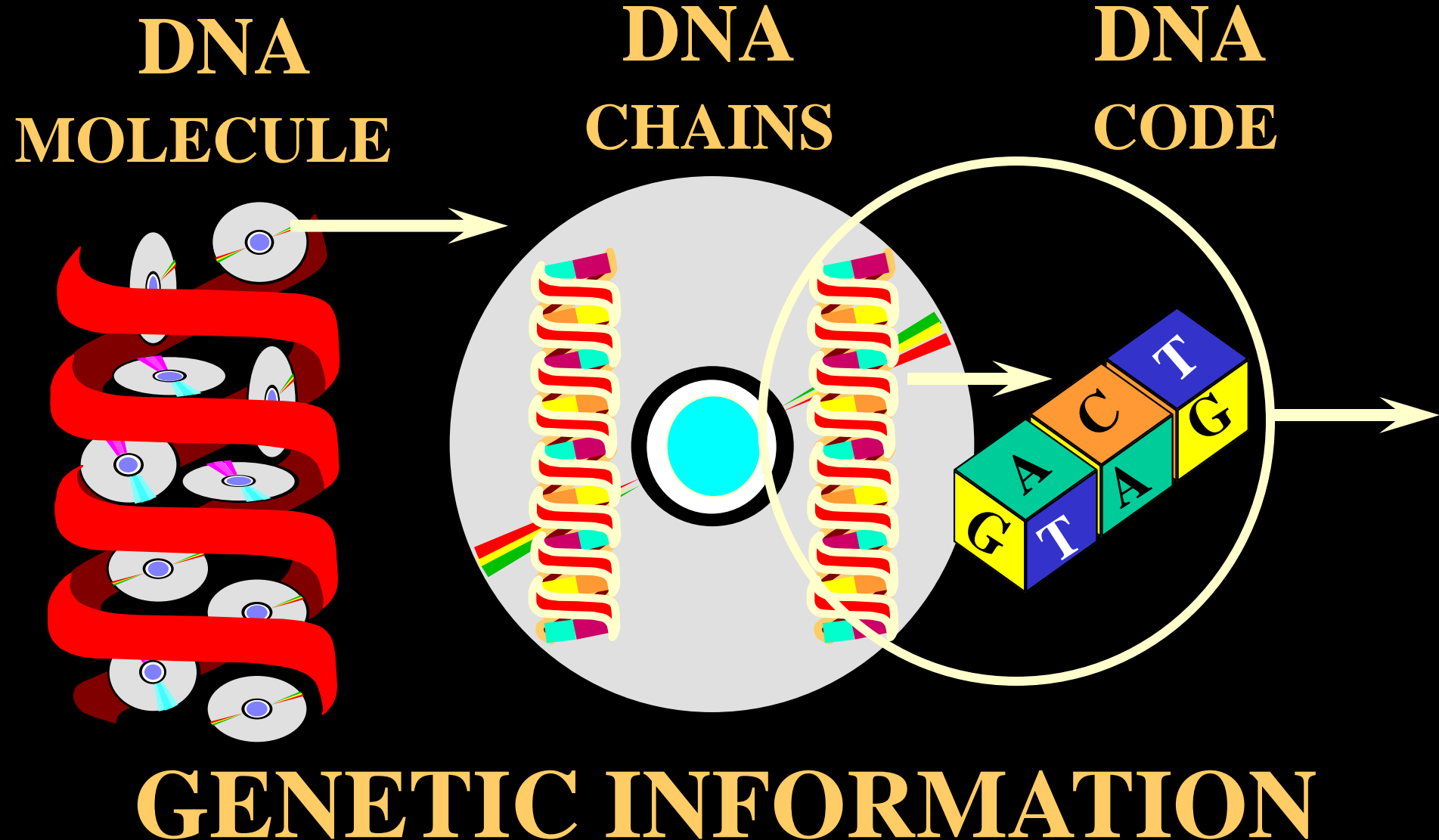
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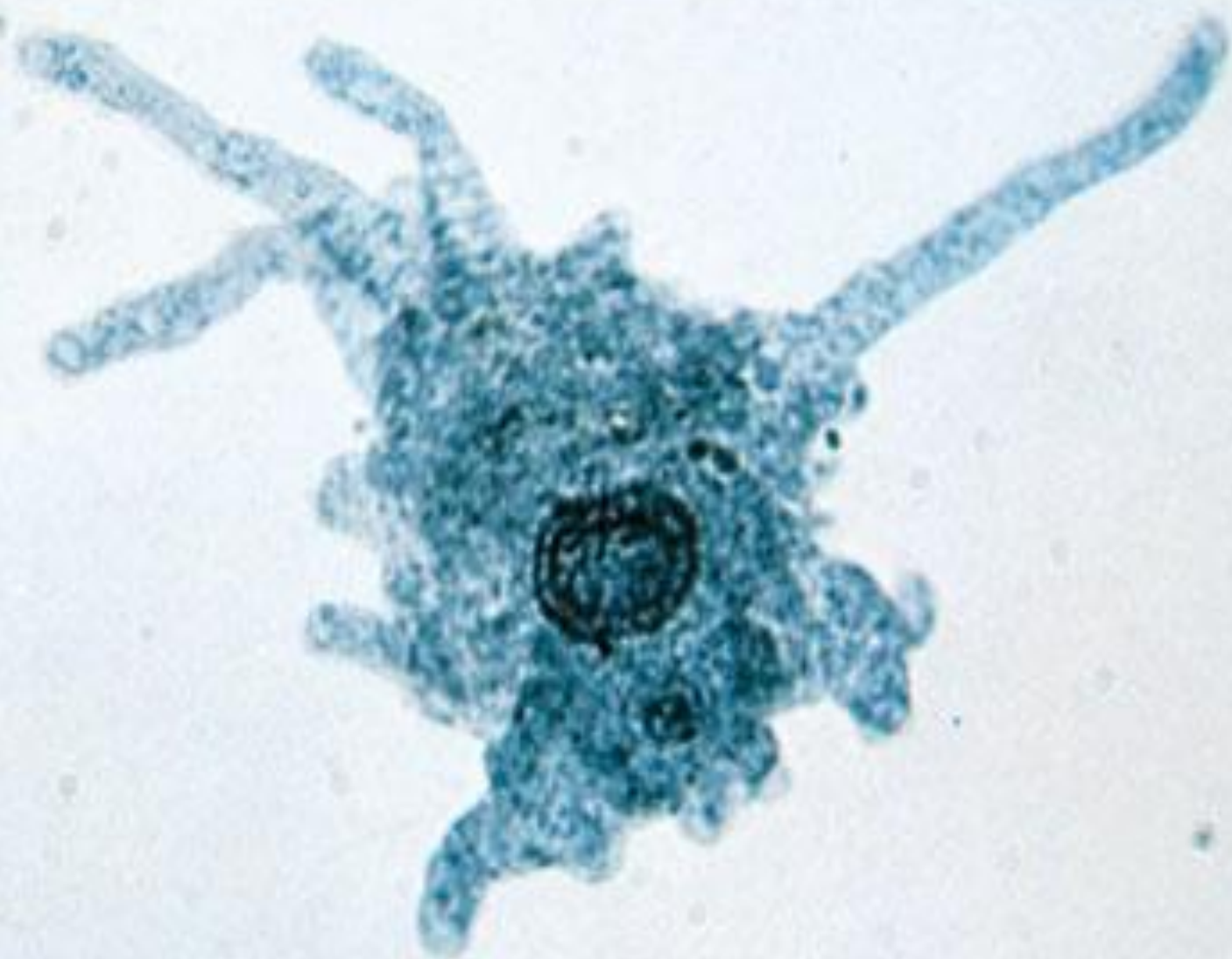


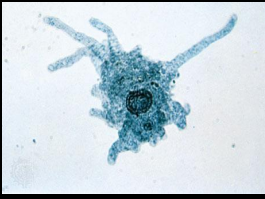
THE GENETIC CODE



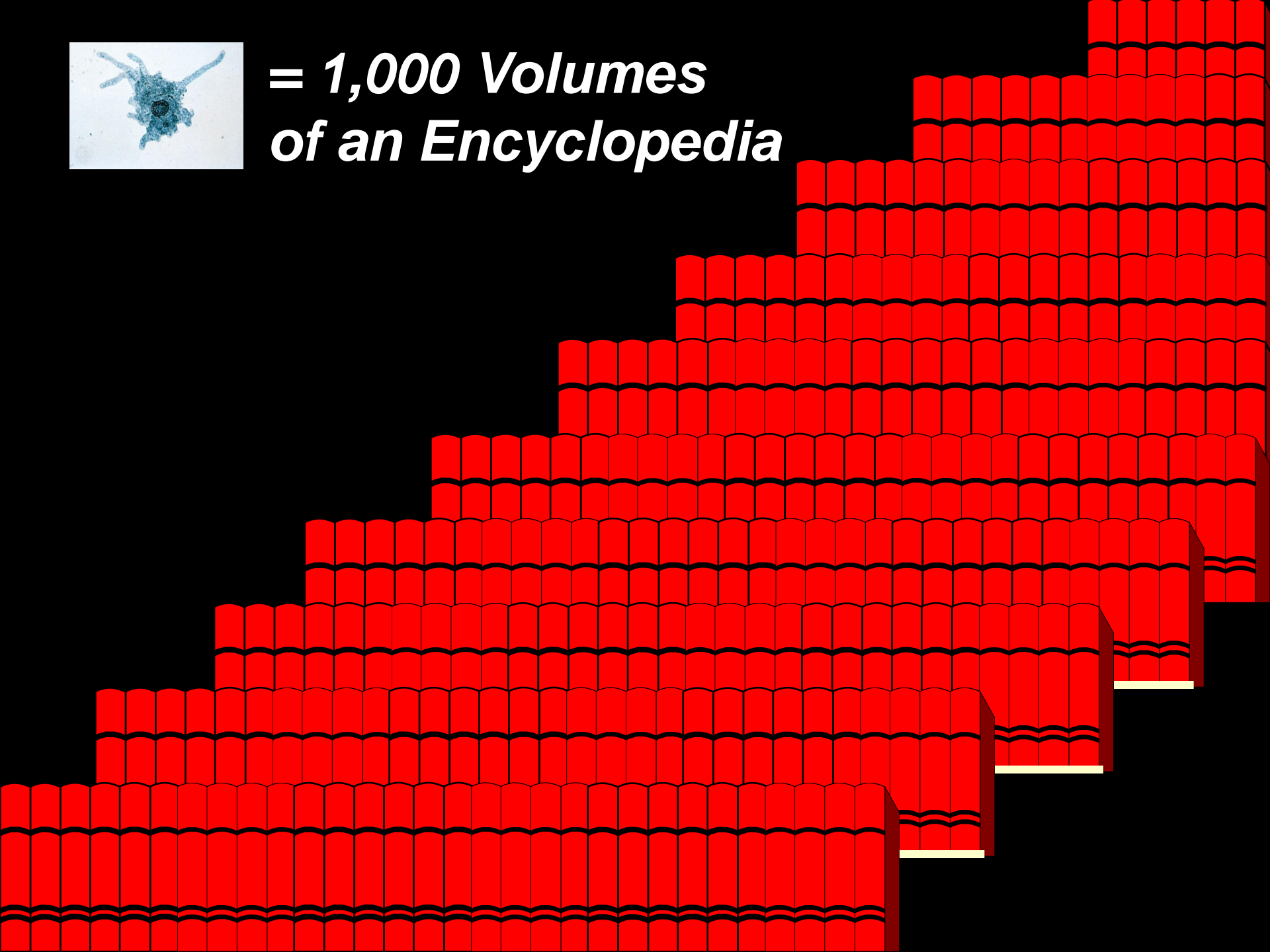
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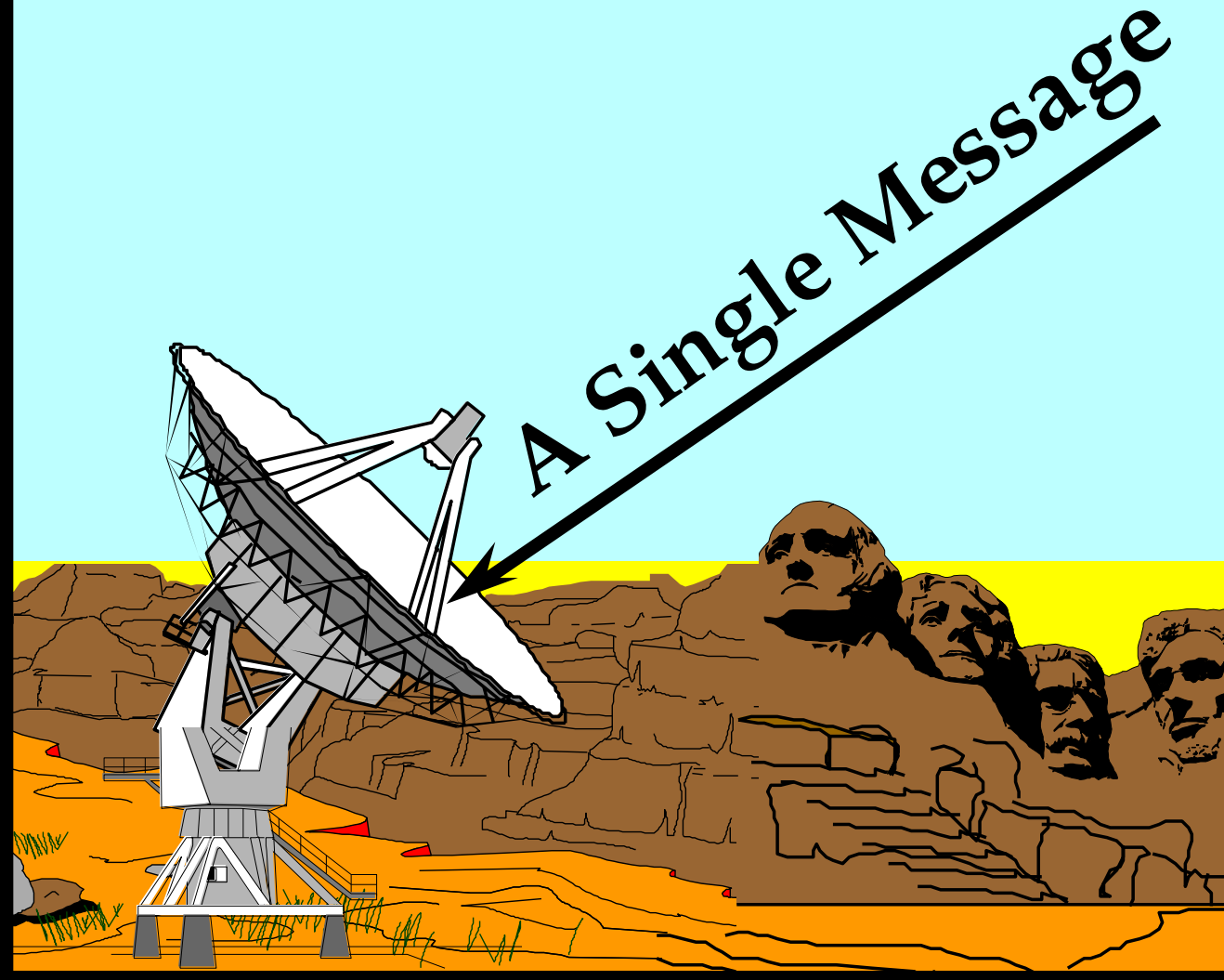
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It is important to understand that we are not reasoning by analogy. The sequence hypothesis applies directly to the protein and the genetic text as well as to written language and therefore the treatment is mathematically identical.

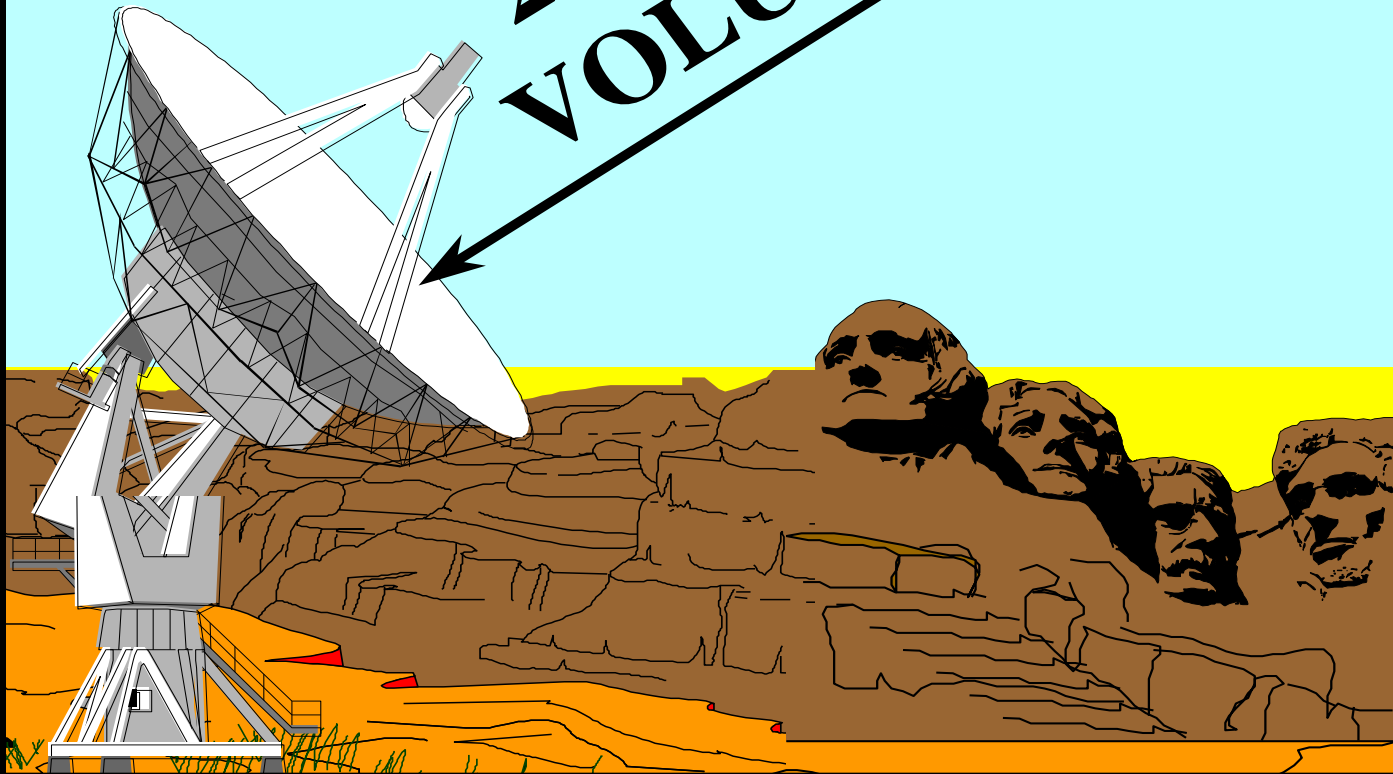
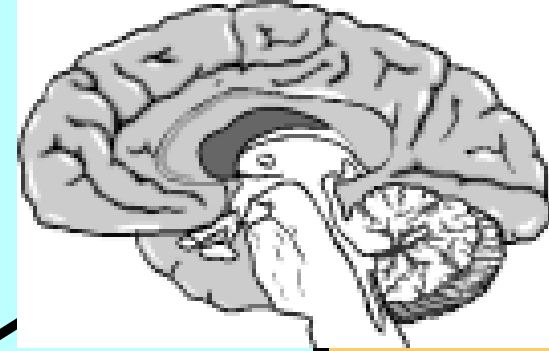
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The Search For Intelligence

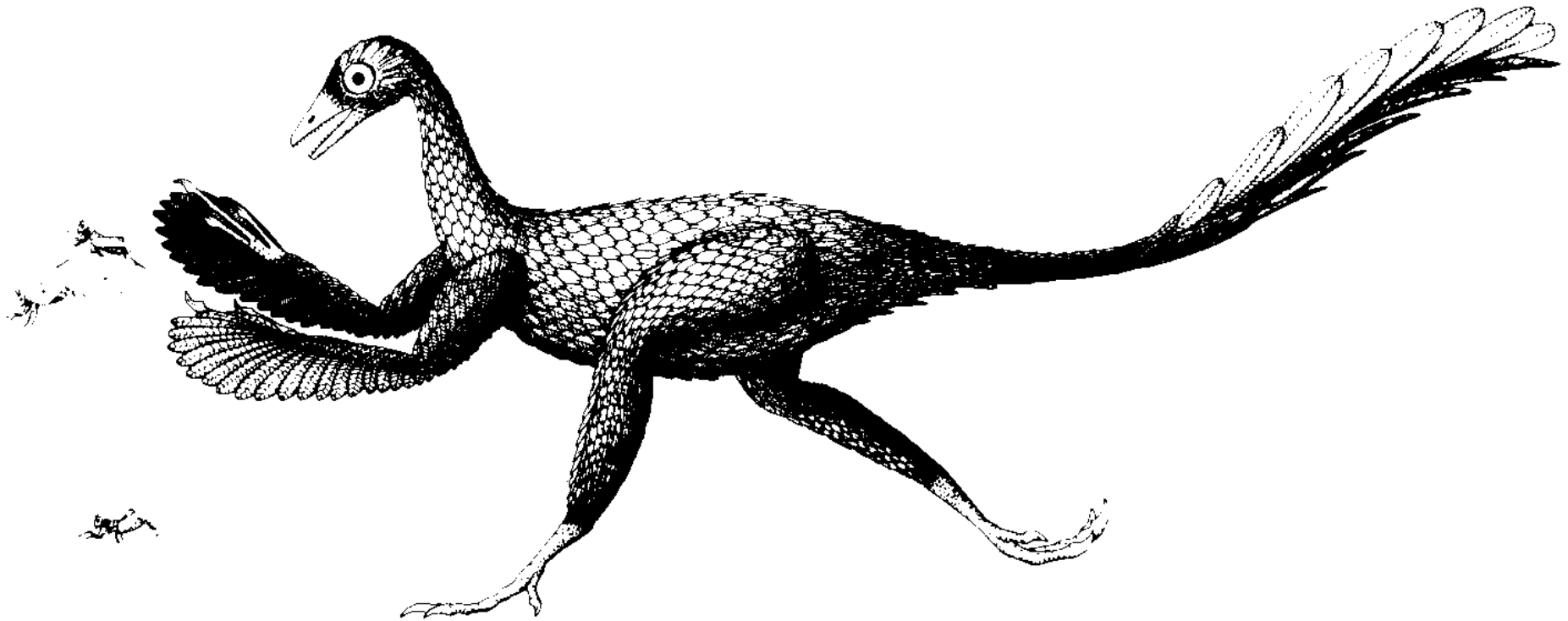


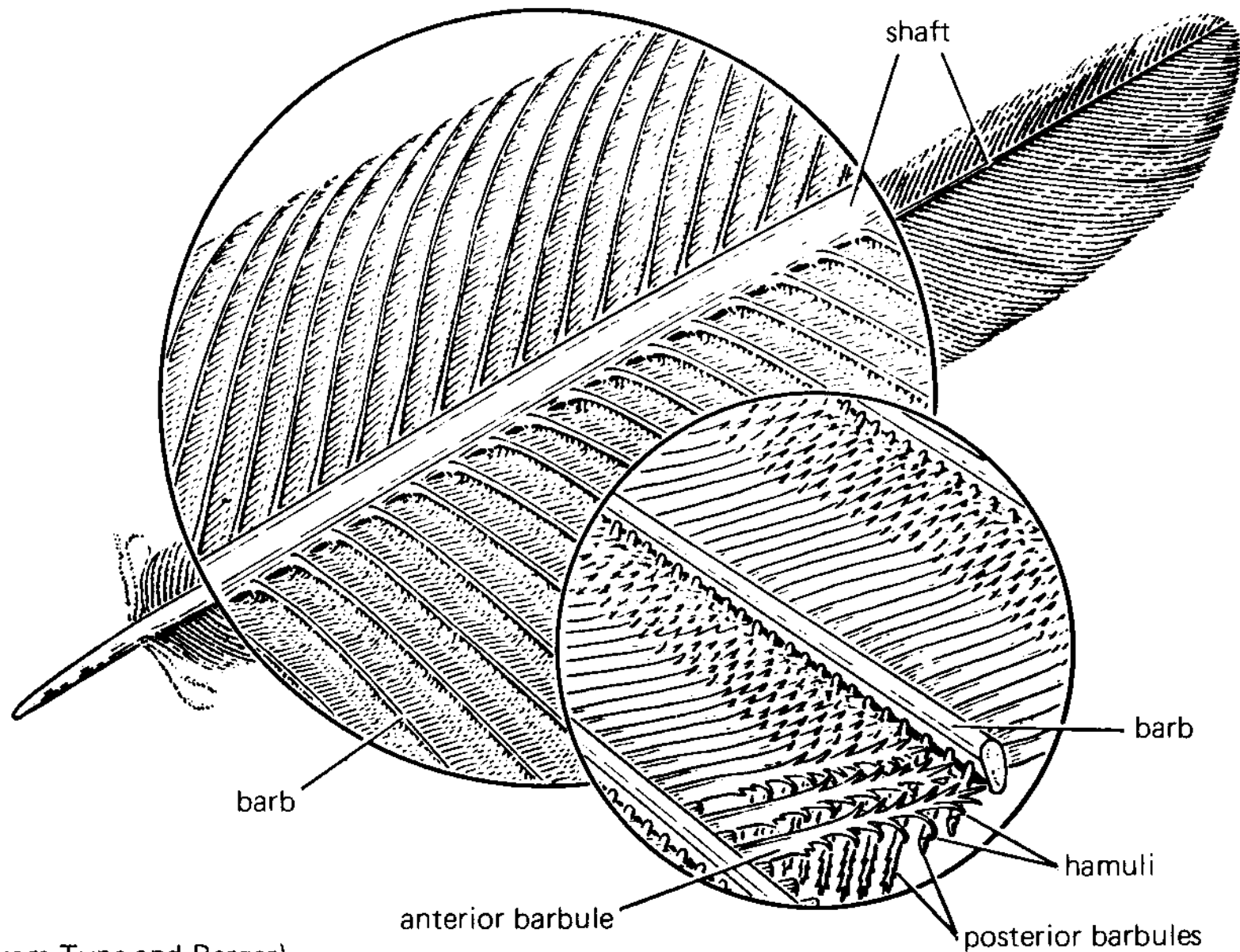
Super-Intelligence Found!

**20,000,000
VOLUMES!**



Transitional form from reptile to bird: How would it survive?

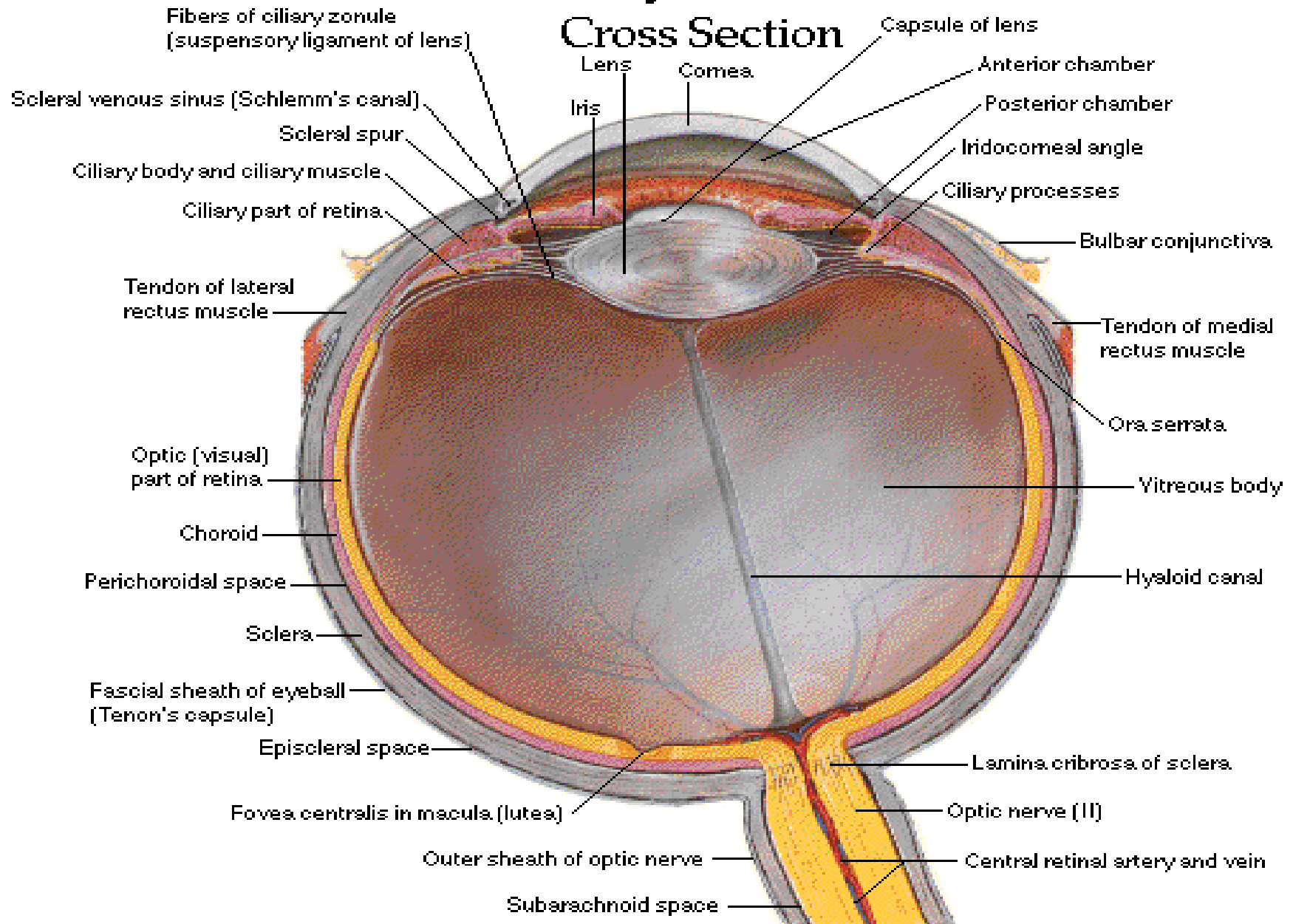




(from Tyne and Berger)

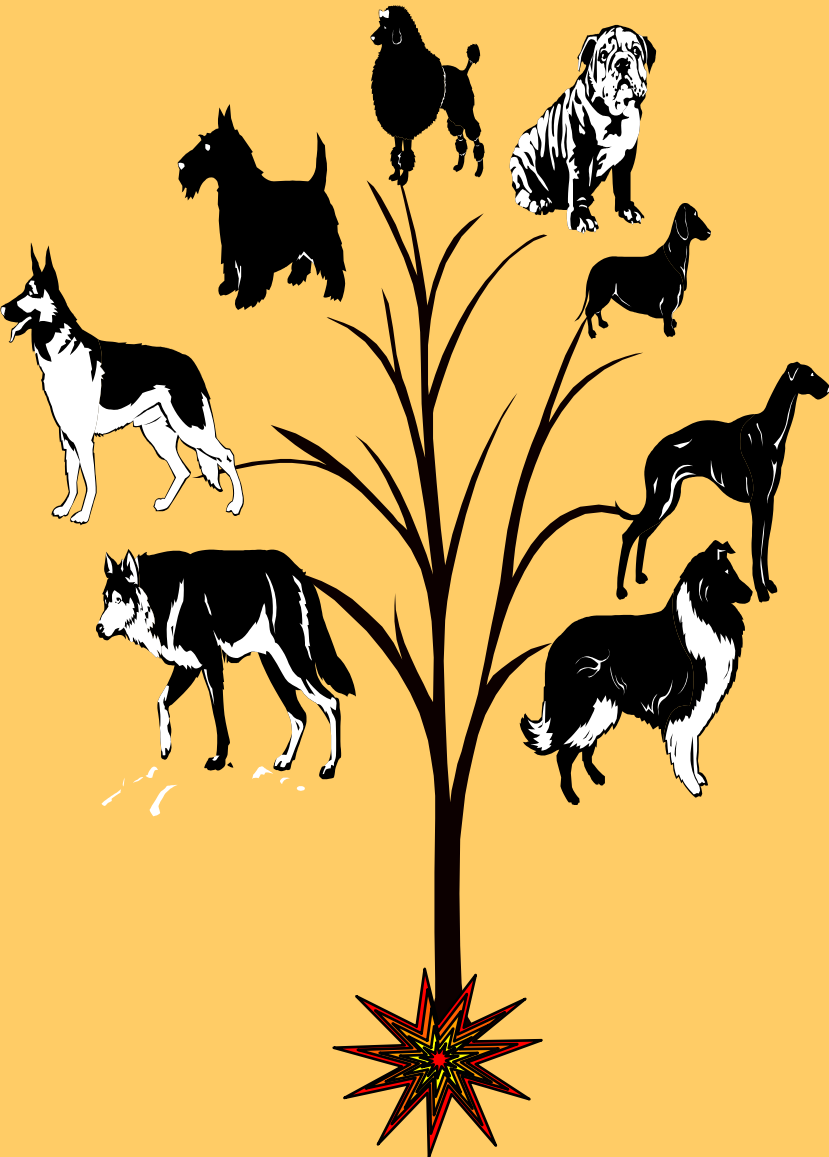
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Cross Section

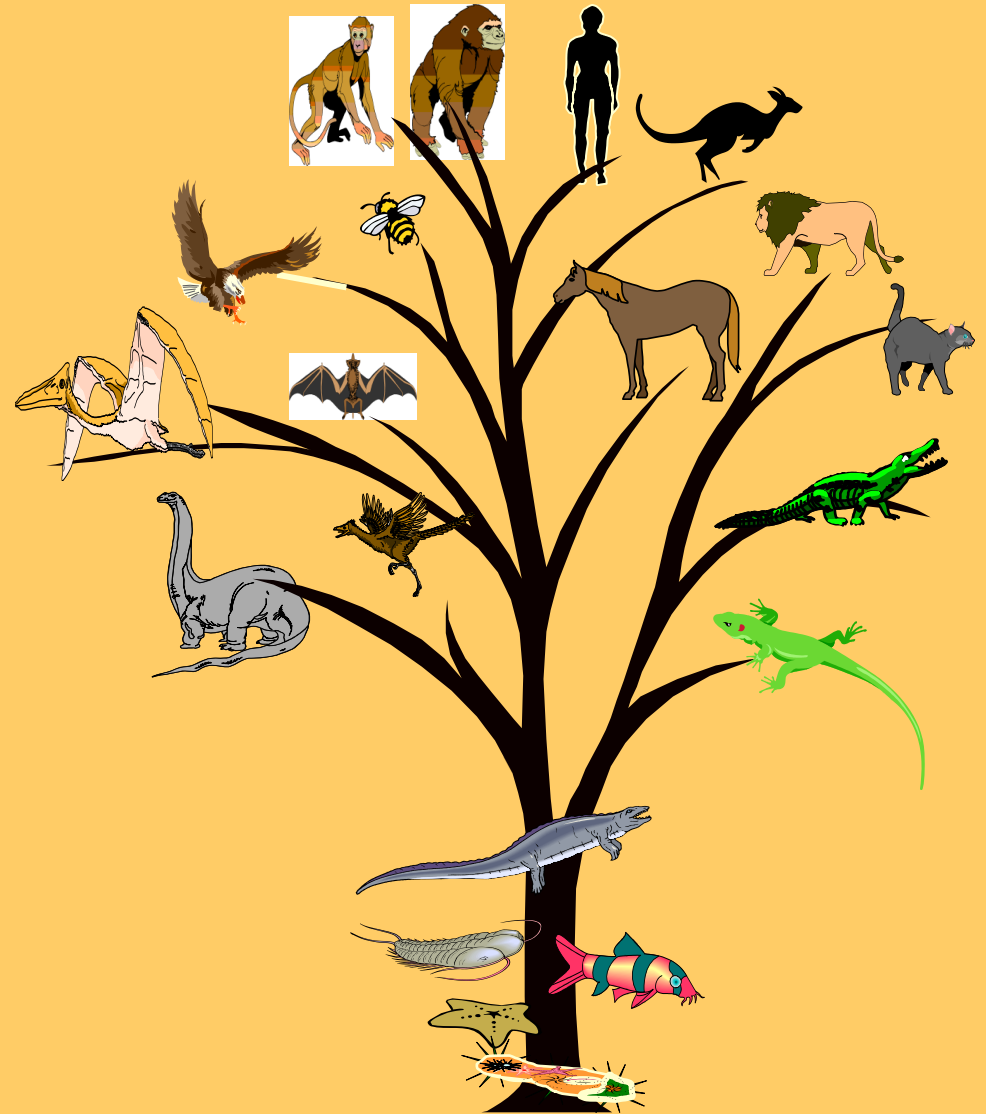


Horizontal section

Breeding in short time



Macroevolution over long time



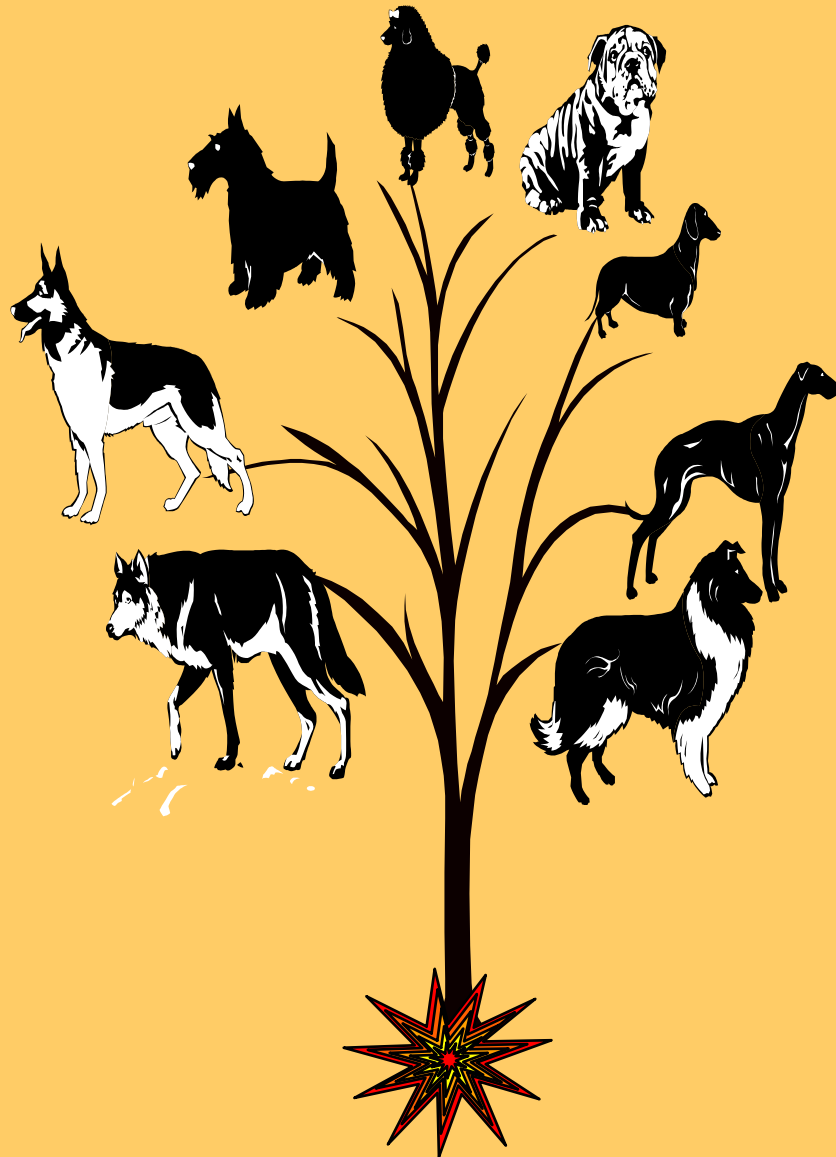
The Crucial Differences

Artificial selection

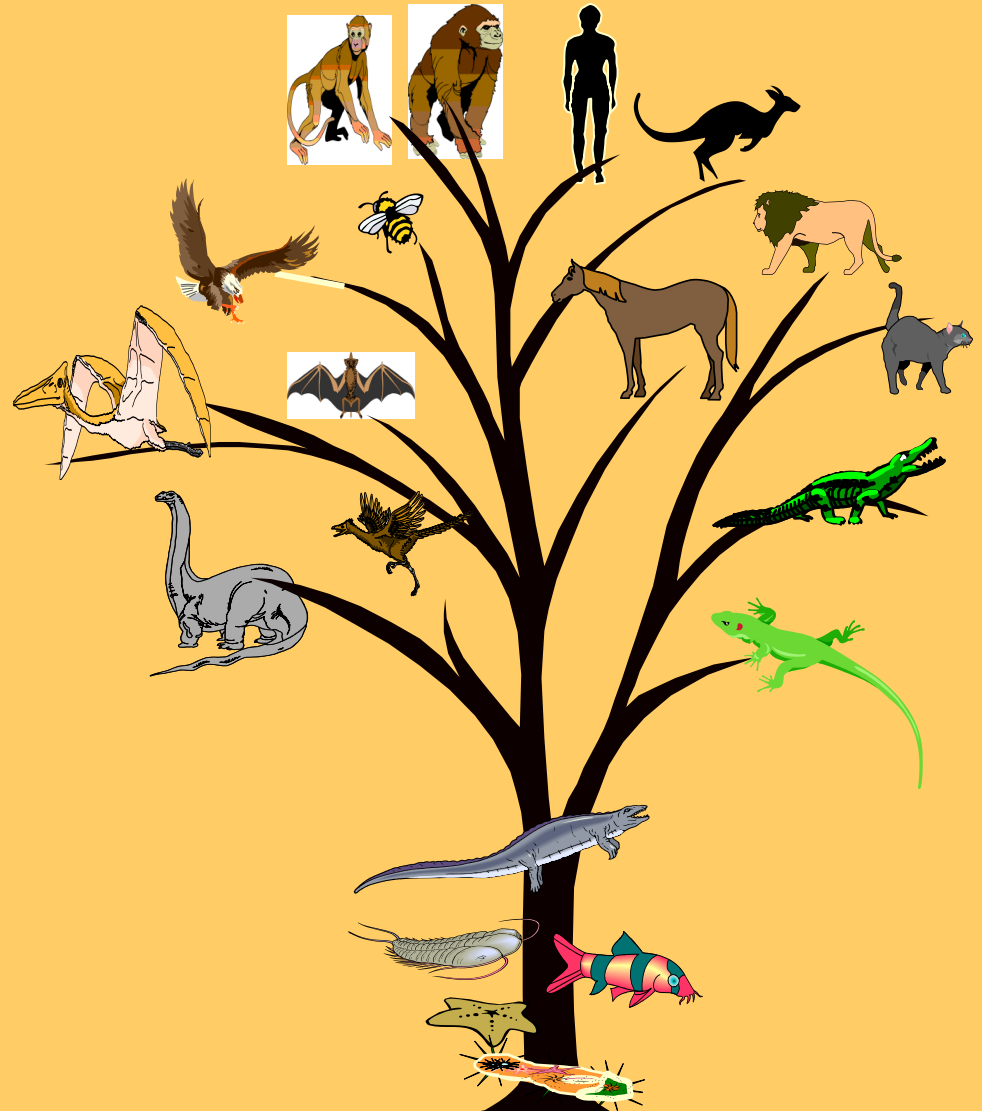
Natural selection

<i>Goal</i>	Aim (end) in view	No aim (end) in view
<i>Process</i>	Intelligently guided process	Blind process
<i>Choices</i>	Intelligent choice of breeds	No intelligent choice of breeds
<i>Protection</i>	Breeds guarded from destructive forces	Breeds not guarded from destructive forces
<i>Freaks</i>	Preserves desired freaks	Eliminates most freaks
<i>Interruptions</i>	Continued interruption to reach desired goal	No continued interruptions to reach any goal
<i>Survival</i>	Preferential survival	Nonpreferential survival

**If intelligent breeding
meets limits . . .**

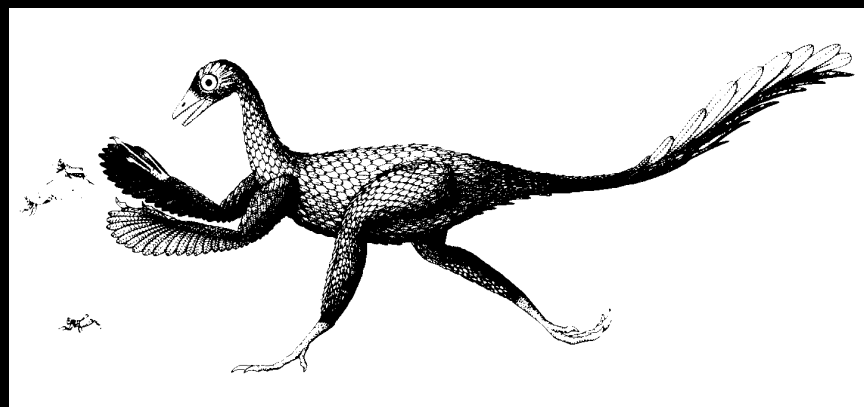
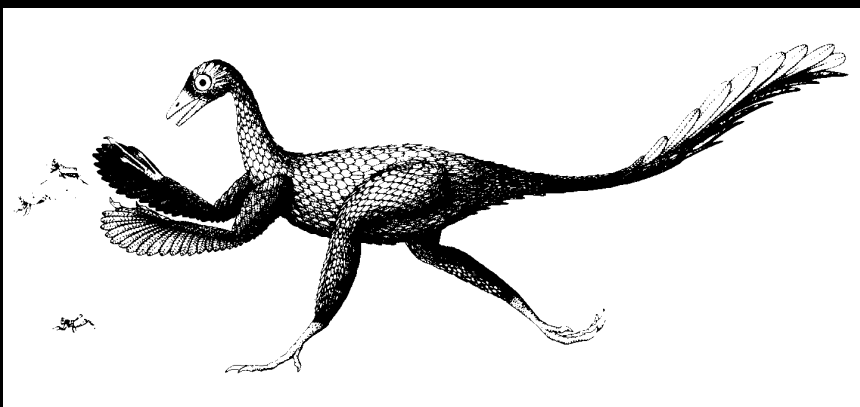
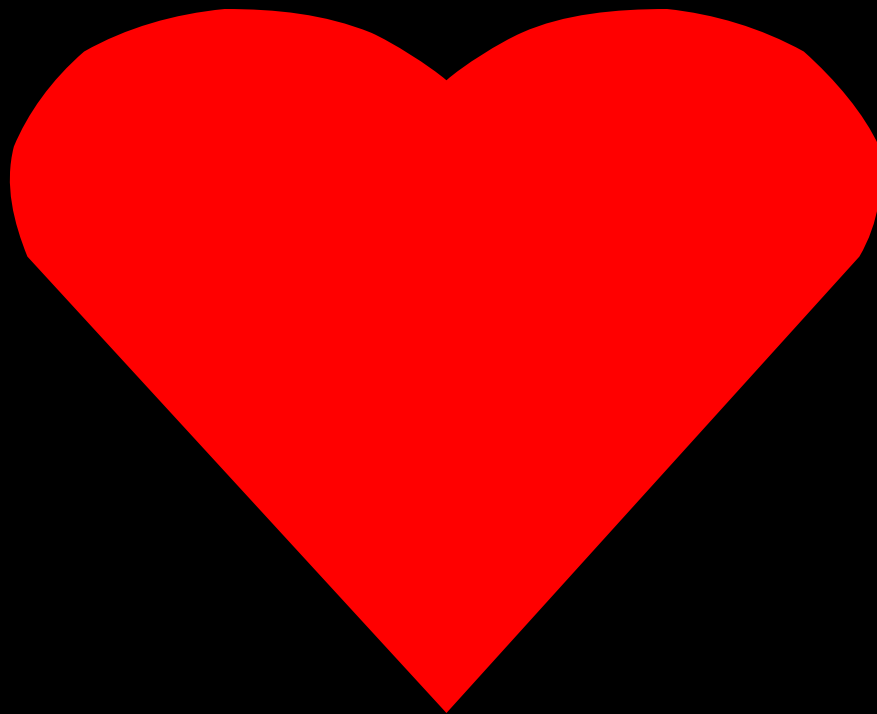


**how can non-intelligence
exceed them?**



T A K E O U T
T H E G A R B A G E
- M O M





Part 2: What does science say about origins?

- 1) What do Macro Evolutionists claim to know?**
- 2) How do they claim to know it?**
- 3) What's the evidence for it?**
- 4) How does it explain the origin of all things?**

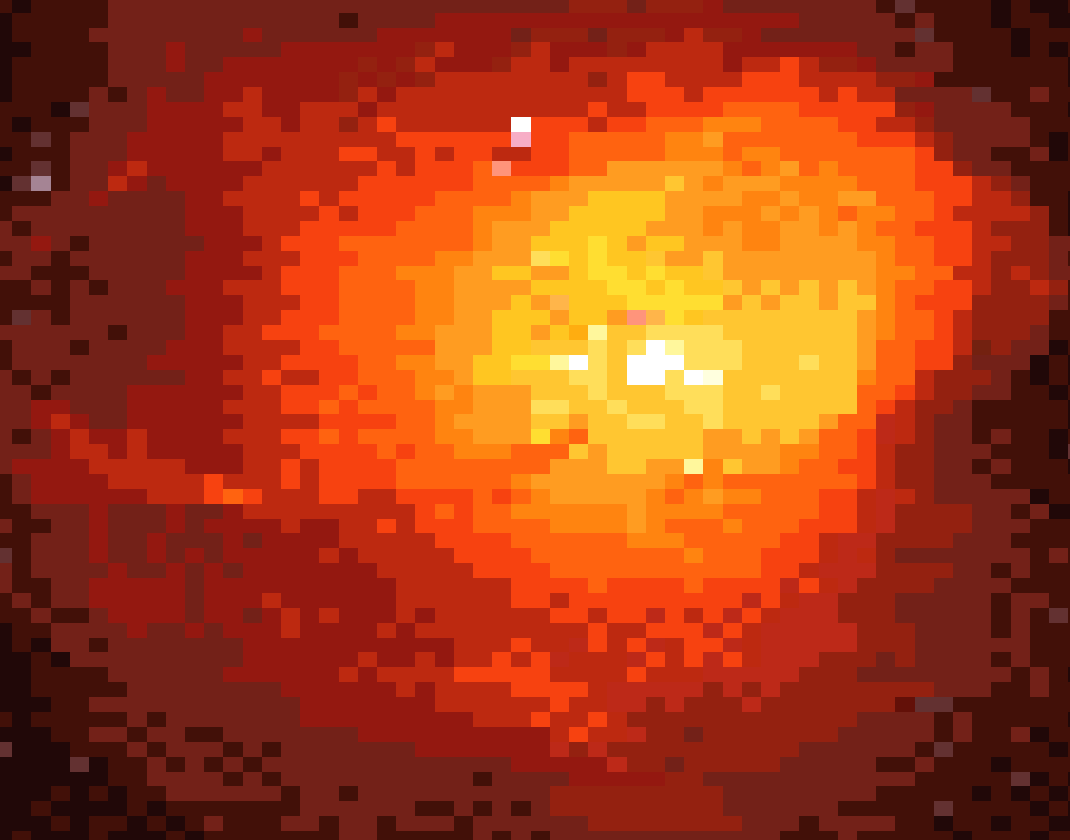
Origin of the Universe

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graph TD; A[Origin of the Universe] --> B[No Beginning]; A --> C[Beginning]
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No Beginning

Beginning

In the Beginning. . .



*Evidence that the Universe
Had a Beginning*

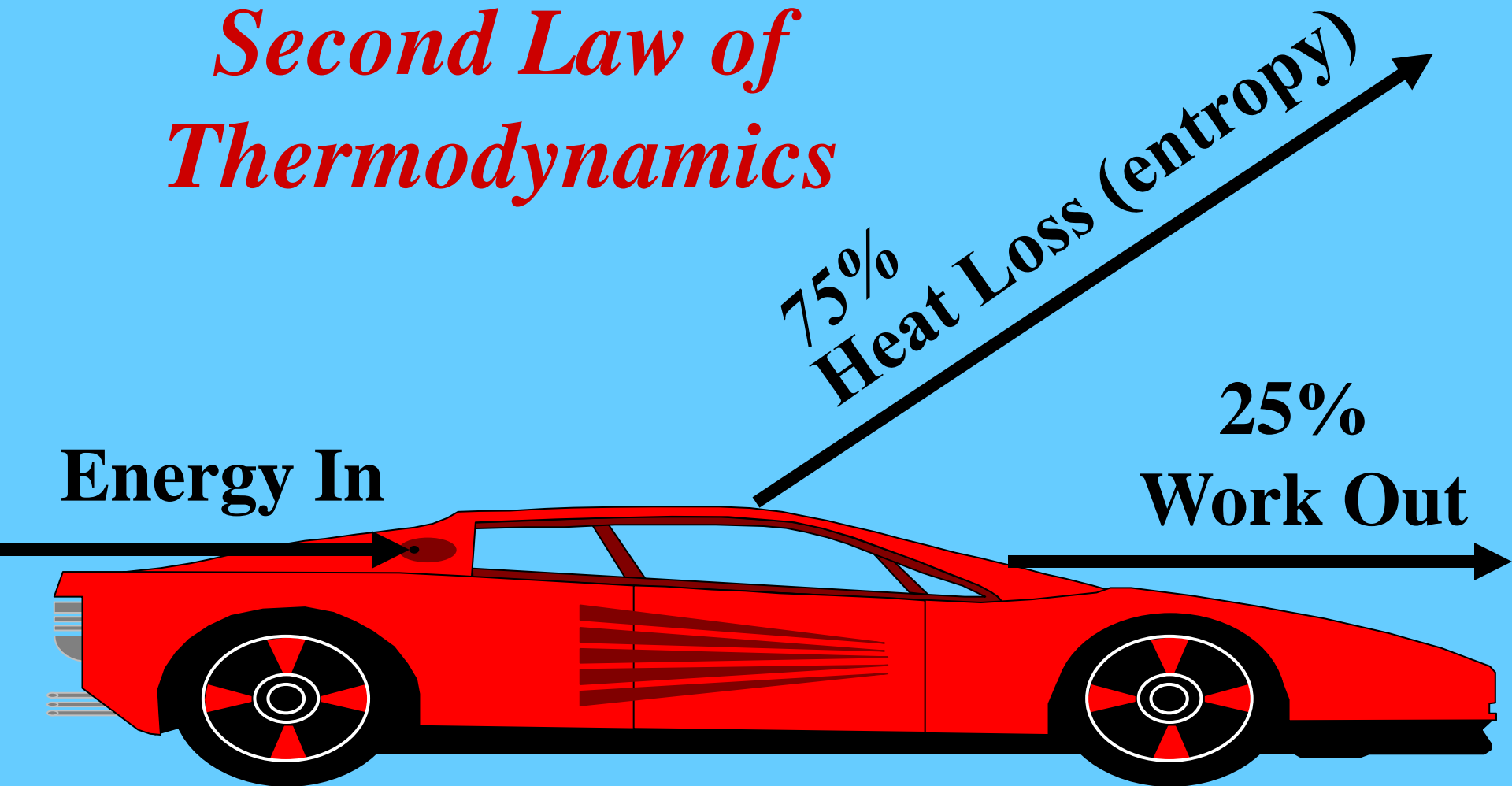
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Second Law of Thermodynamics

A Closed System



Second Law of Thermodynamics

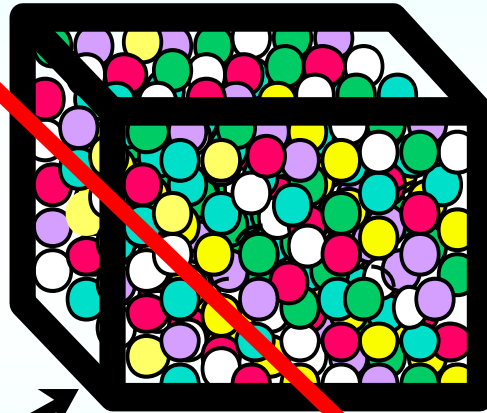


The Big Bang

2nd Law

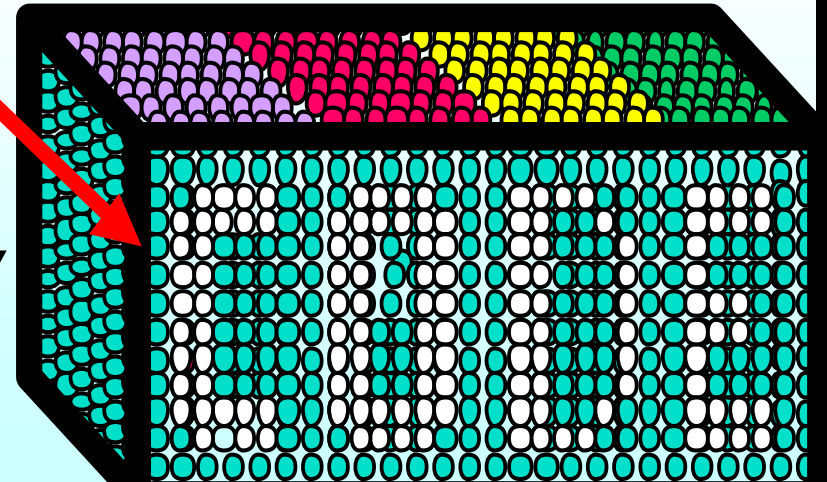
Increased

Disorder With Time



Law of Specificity
Highly Specified
and Complex Order

Non-Living
Matter



Living Organisms

*Evidence that the Universe
Had a Beginning*

SECOND LAW

UNIVERSE IS EXPANDING

RADIATION ECHO

GREAT GALAXY SEEDS

EINSTEIN'S THEORY OF GR

In the beginning,

God spoke and there was a great SURGE!

If the universe had a beginning, then it must have had a Beginner.

The evidence leaves us with the following two options.

EITHER

1. NO ONE CREATED SOMETHING OUT OF NOTHING

(atheistic view)

OR

2. SOMEONE CREATED SOMETHING OUT OF NOTHING

(theistic view)

Which view is more reasonable?

QUESTION TO ASK AN ATHEIST:

“If there is no God, why is there something rather than nothing at all?”

An Infinite finite?

“Big Bang Theory holds that everything in the known universe—all time, space, energy, and matter—was once contained in a point of infinite density known as a singularity. Scientists leave the “why” of that state of affairs to priests and poets. But in the next instant, they theorize, this point began expanding madly in size—pinhead, grapefruit, basketball—to a radius expressed in incomprehensibly large numbers.”

(Kathy Sawyer, “Unveiling the Universe,” *National Geographic*, October 1999, 20)

The bottom line from an agnostic astronomer:

“For the scientist who has lived by his faith in the power of reason, the story ends like a bad dream. He has scaled the mountains of ignorance; He is about to conquer the highest peak; As he pulls himself over the final rock, he is greeted by a band of theologians who have been sitting there for centuries.”

(Jastrow, *God and the Astronomers*, 116)

Origin of First Life

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graph TD; A[Origin of First Life] --> B[Spontaneous Generation<br/>(no intelligent intervention)]; A --> C[Special Creation<br/>(intelligent intervention)];
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Spontaneous Generation
(no intelligent intervention)

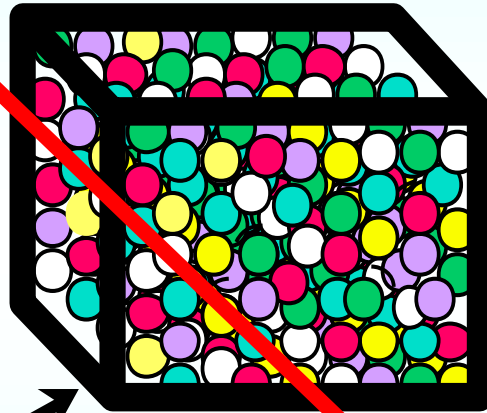
Special Creation
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The Big Bang

2nd Law

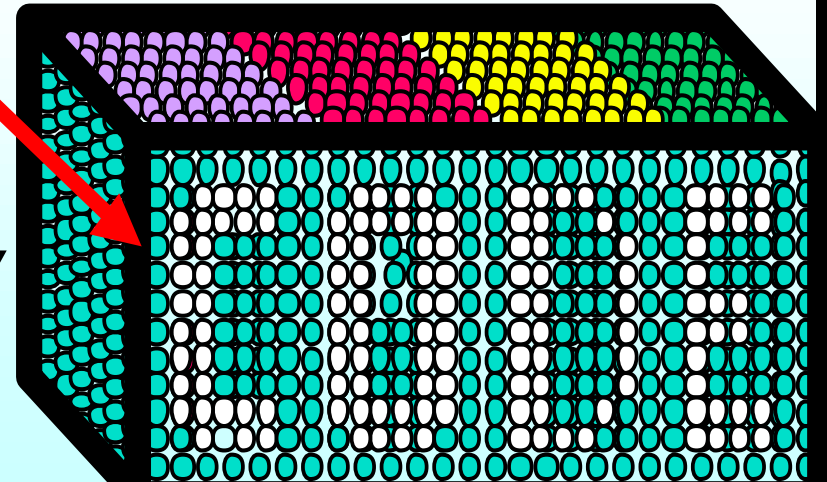
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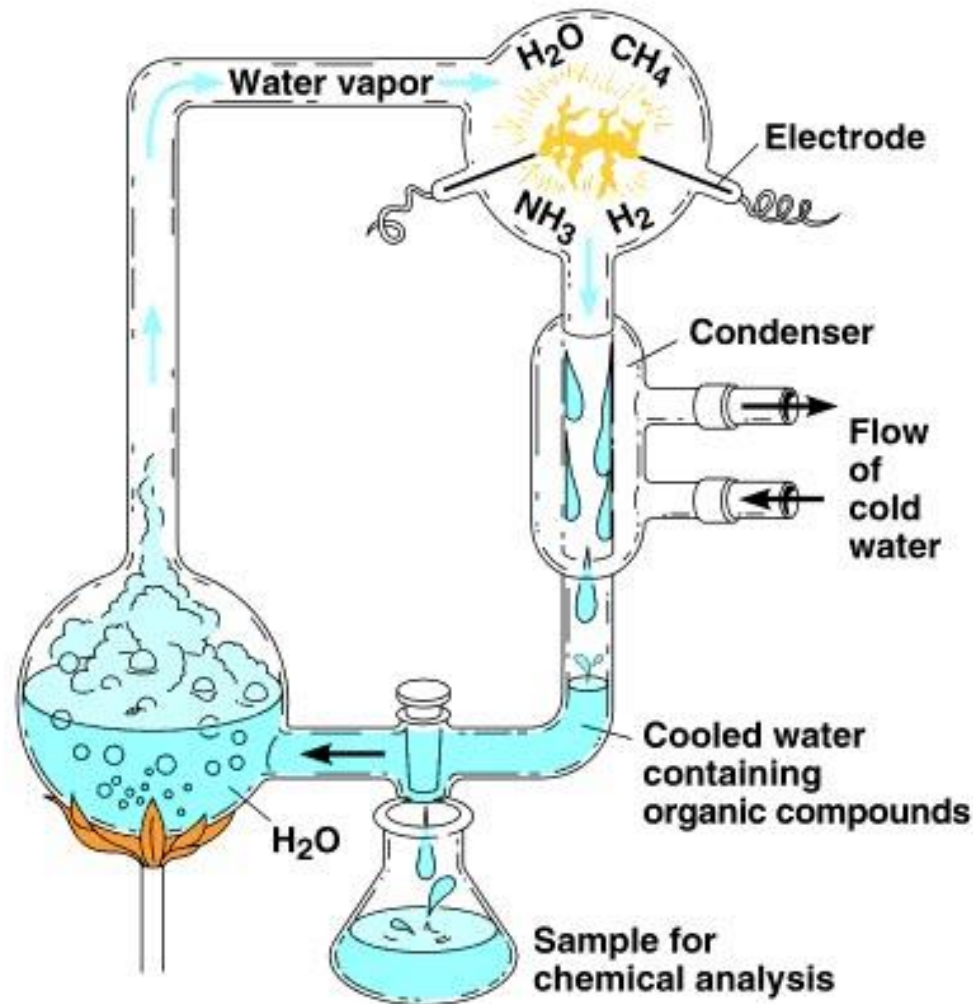
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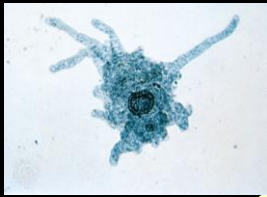
Non-Living
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Living Organisms

Miller-Urey Experiment 1953





*One Ameba
1,000 Volumes*

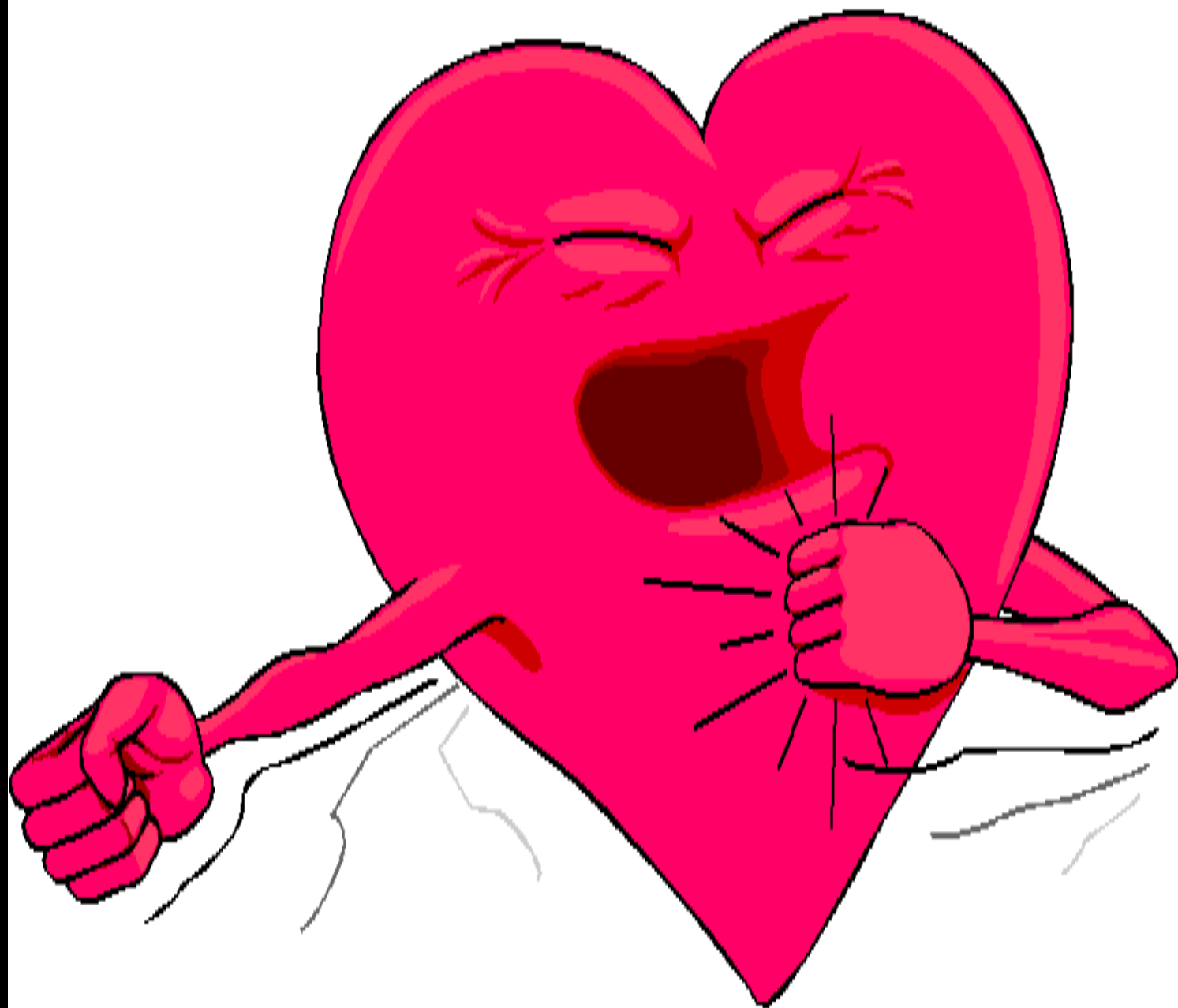
Once I was a tadpole when I did
begin:

Then I was a frog with my tail
tucked in:

Then I was a monkey swinging
in a tree:

Now I'm a professor with a
PhD.





Our Agenda



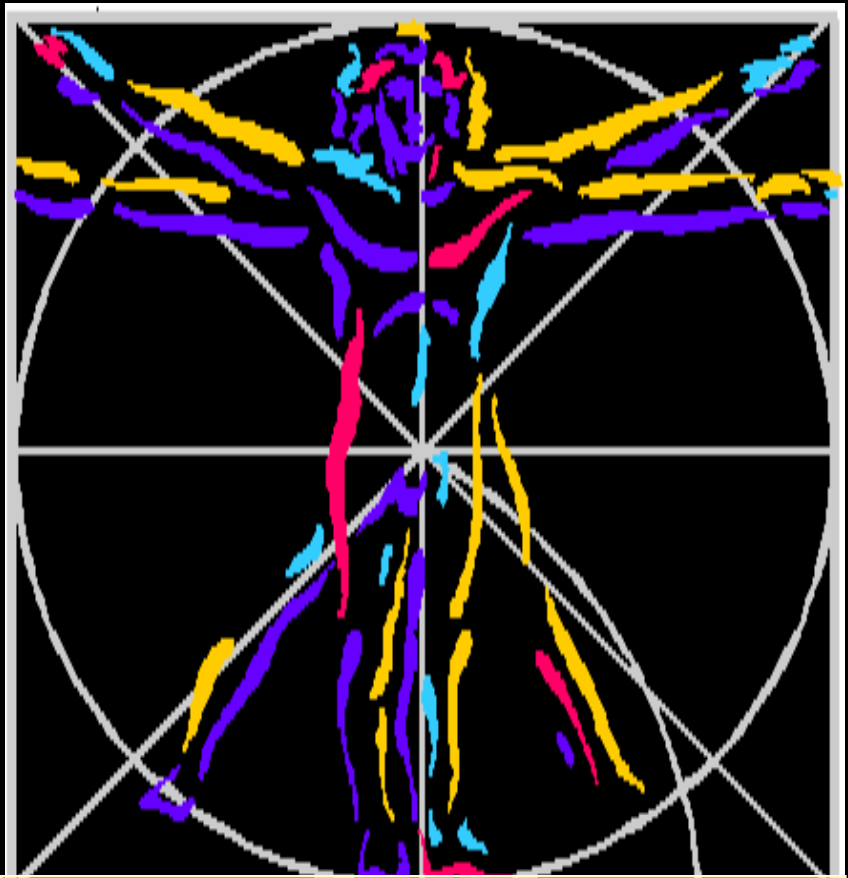
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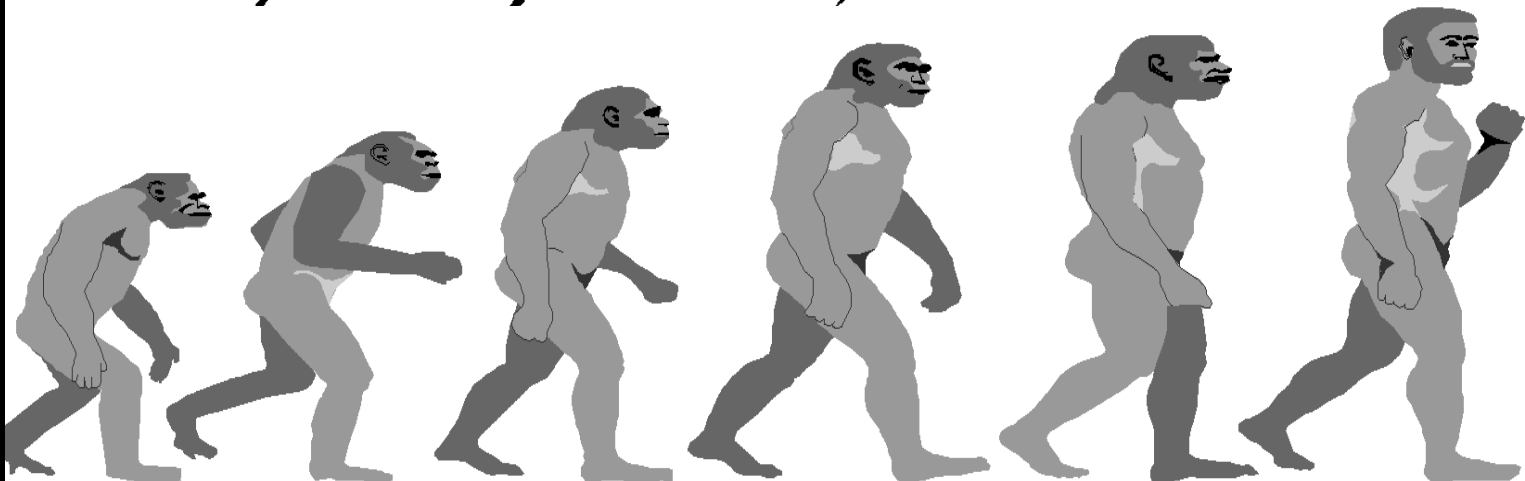
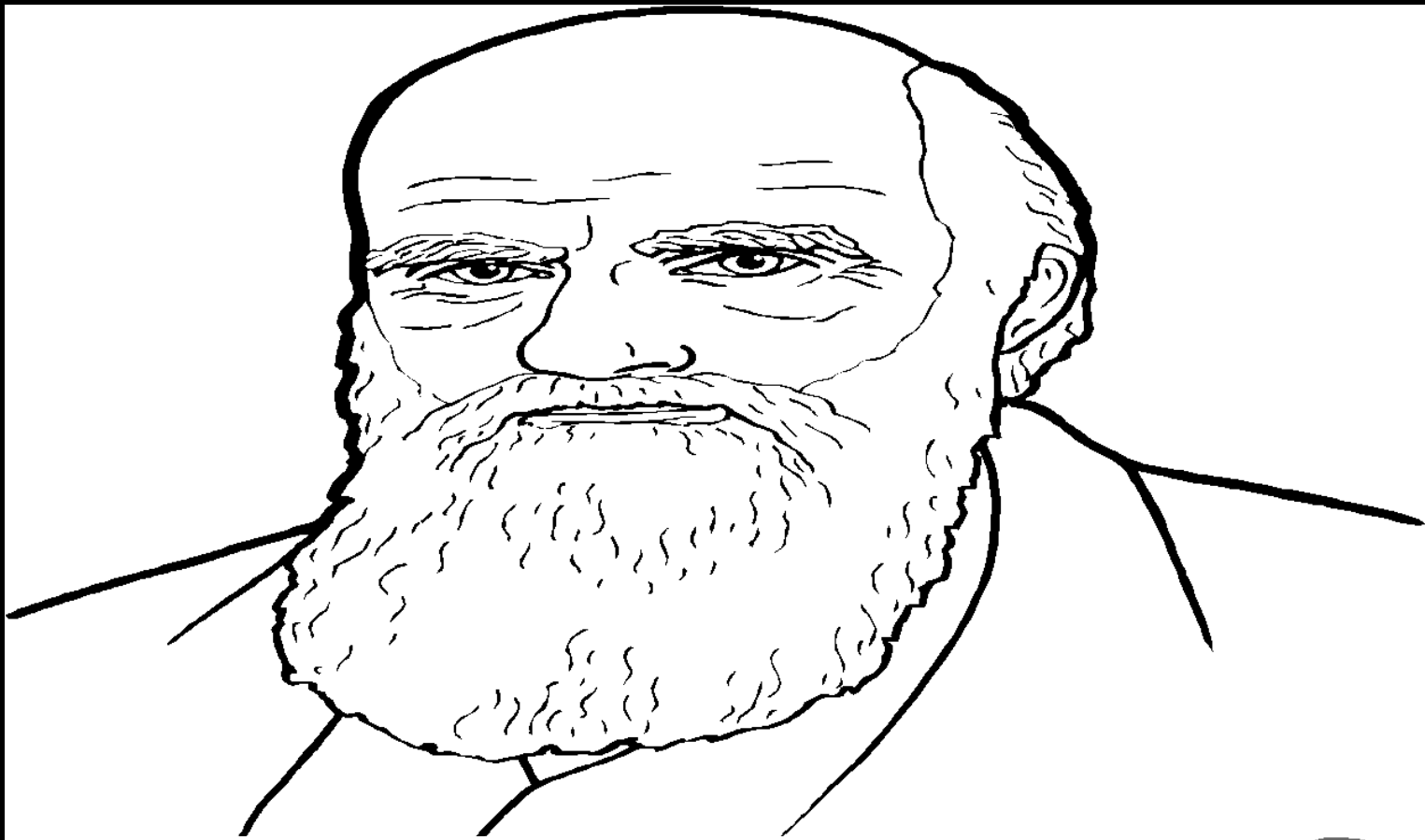
The Declaration of Independence

We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among men.

CREATOR



CREATION



MAJOR SUPREME COURT DECISIONS FROM 1961 TO 1987

1961: Removed Class Devotional Prayer

1963: Removed Class Devotional Bible Reading

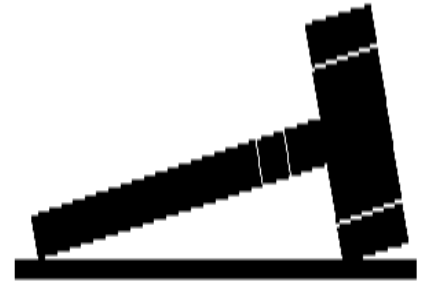
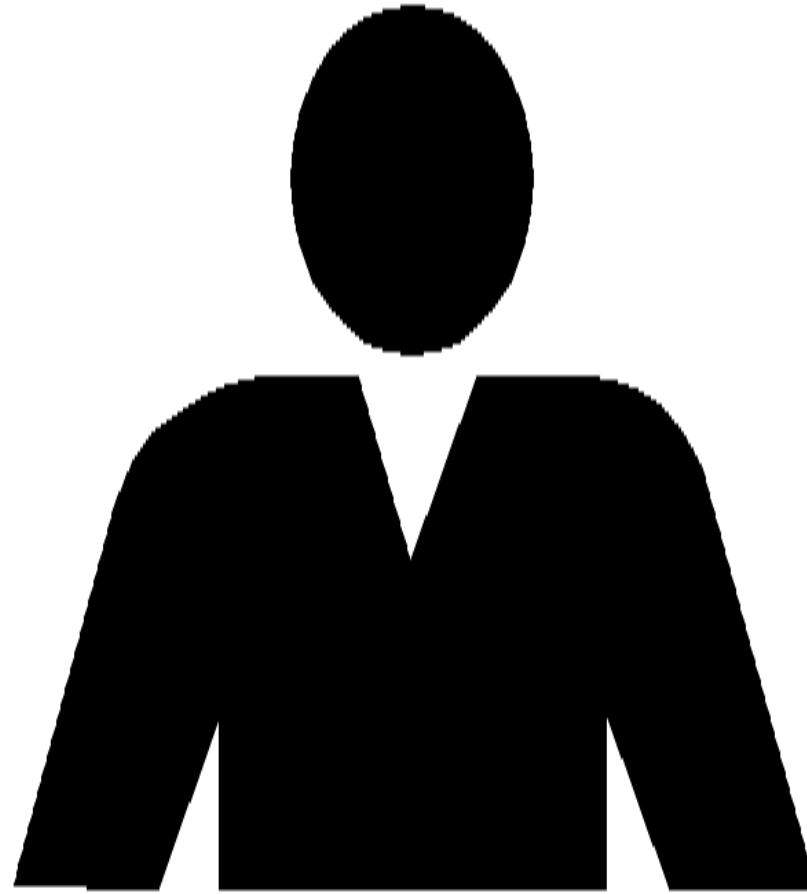
1968: Protected Teaching Macroevolution

1973: Removed Right To Life

1980: Removed Ten Commandments

1987: Teaching Creation Prohibited

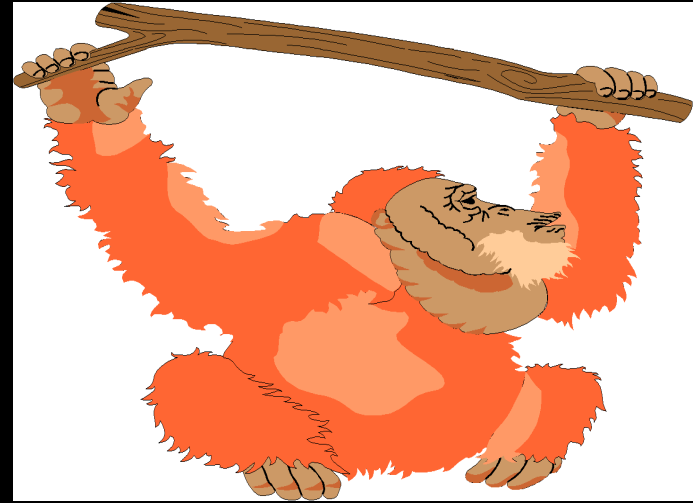
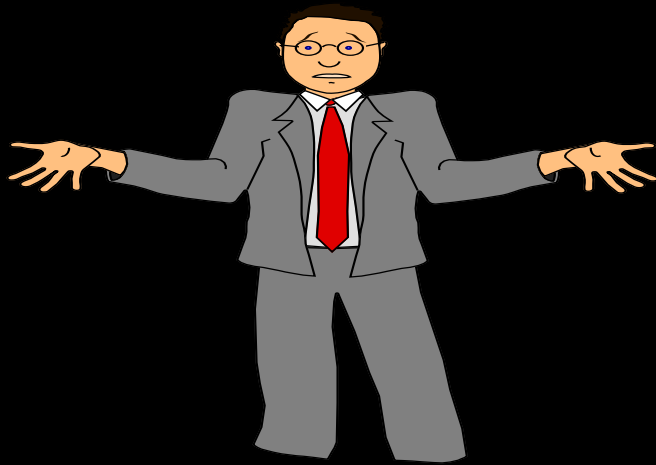




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I can't help it, I'm only a primate!



If humans are not naturally moral and if they are genetically determined, how can they be held legally or morally responsible for their behavior?

THE CREATOR

LIGHT

LIFE

Eternal Reason

Eternal Law - Absolute / Objective

Discovered By Human Reason

1st Principles - Immediate Precepts

Intrinsic Value of Human Life

Morality Based on Eternal Laws

*The Prism
of Legal Theory*

Natural Law

~~Abortion~~

~~Euthanasia~~



Recognizes The Value of Human Life



THE CREATURE

Temporal Reason

Temporal Law - Relative / Subjective

Determined By Human Reason

Power / Social Norms / Experience

Extrinsic Value of Human Life

Morality Based on Human Laws

*The Prism
of Legal Theory*

Positive Law



Abortion

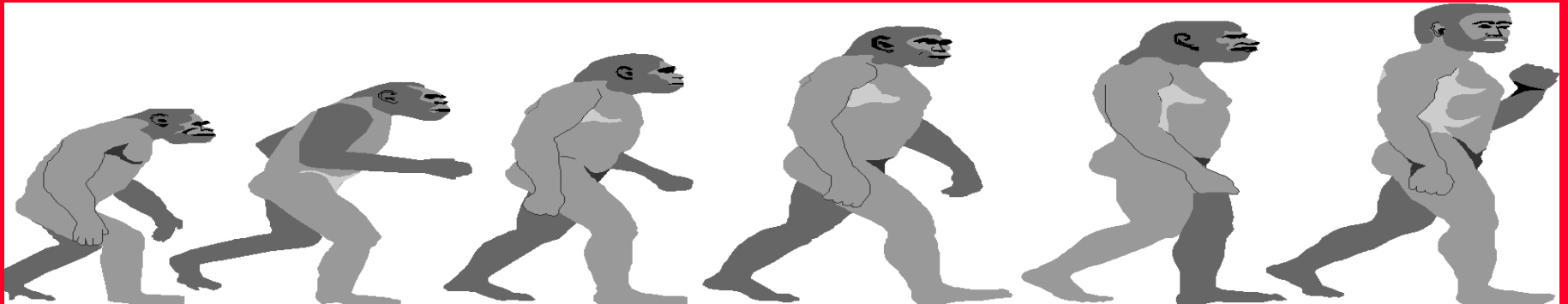
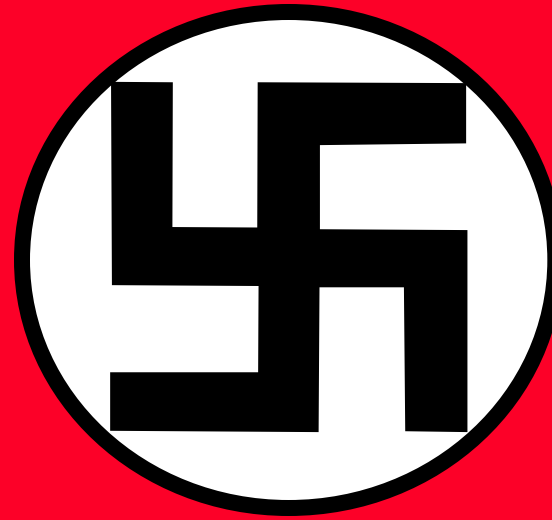


Euthanasia

**DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THE
INTRINSIC VALUE OF HUMAN LIFE.**

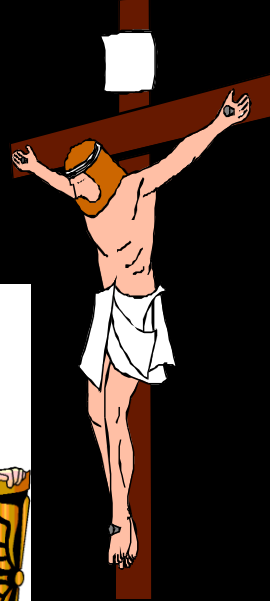
*“The superior race must not
mate with the inferior races.”*

Adolf Hitler, *Mein Kampf*



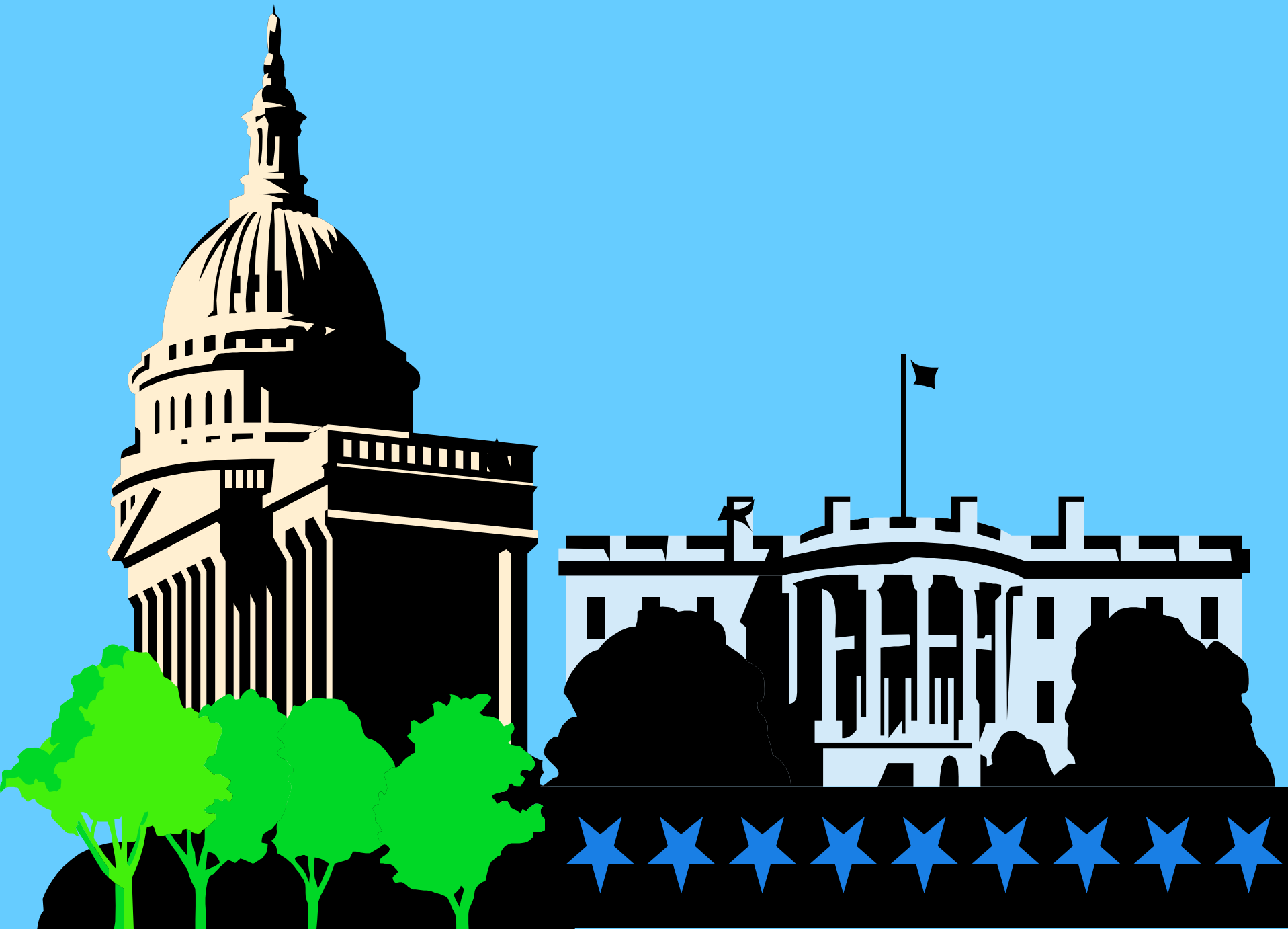
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- 4) What difference does it make?**
- 5) What YOU can do!**



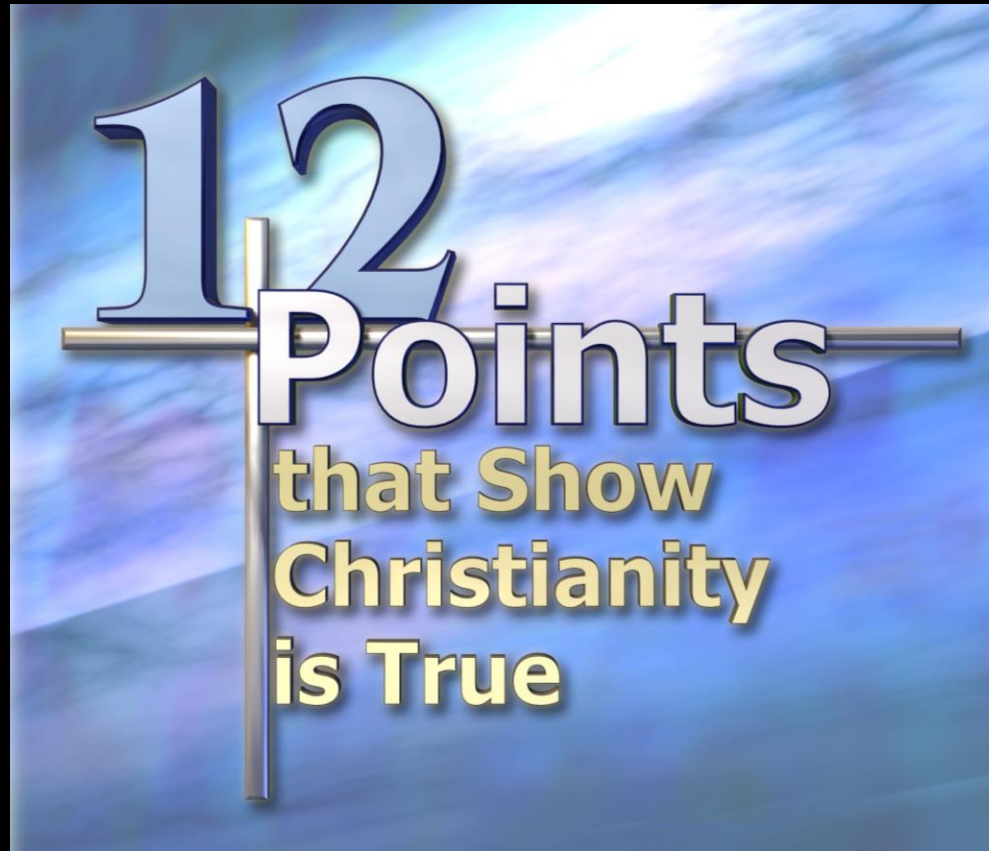
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<i>2-3</i>	<i>Earth Formed - Water Begins To Condense - Global Sea Emerges Atmosphere (Expanse) Created</i>	<i>1b 6 7</i>	<i>Volcanic Activity Ends / Earth Cools Atmosphere Forms Over The Sea (troposphere - greenhouse effect)</i>
<i>3-4</i>	<i>Dry Land Created Earth-Moon System Created Atmosphere Becomes Transparent (single-celled plant life created by now)</i>	<i>9 11 14</i>	<i>Origin of Double Planet System (theory of the origin of the moon from the earth would create a basin in the earth for water to gather to one side)</i>
<i>4-5</i>	<i>Creation of Sea Animals (multicellular to amphibians / reptiles / winged animals) (Creation of “great reptiles” the largest reptiles are dinosaurs)</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>Cambrian Explosion / Age of Fish (array of multicellular animals having the body plans of “virtually all creatures that now swim, fly or crawl throughout the world.”)</i>
<i>5-6</i>	<i>Creation of Land Animals (Domesticated - Livestock) (Non-domesticated - Wild)</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>Age of Amphibians / Reptiles</i>
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FOUR LETTERS_____NUCLEOTIDES

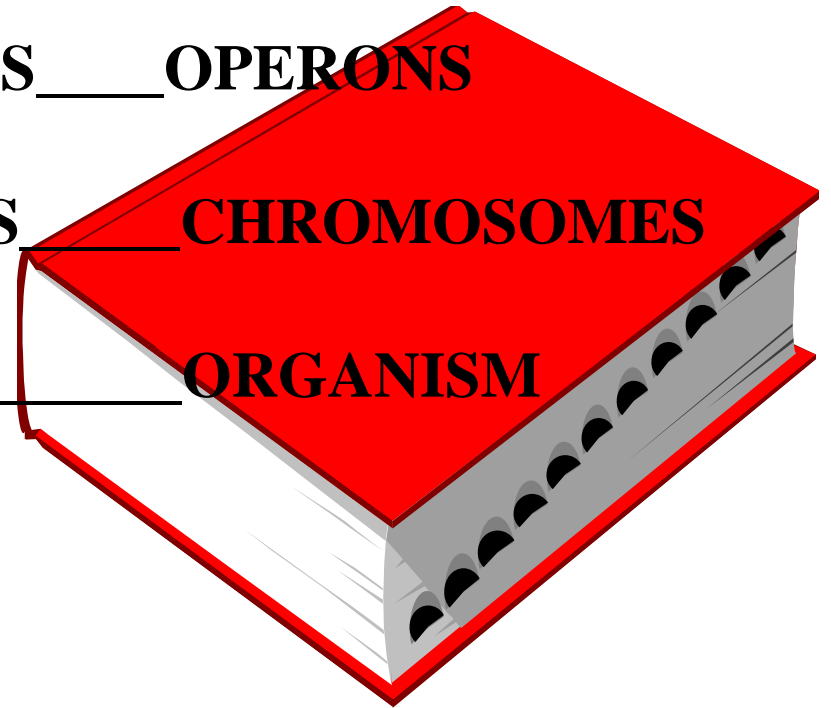
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SEQUENCE OF SENTENCES_____GENES

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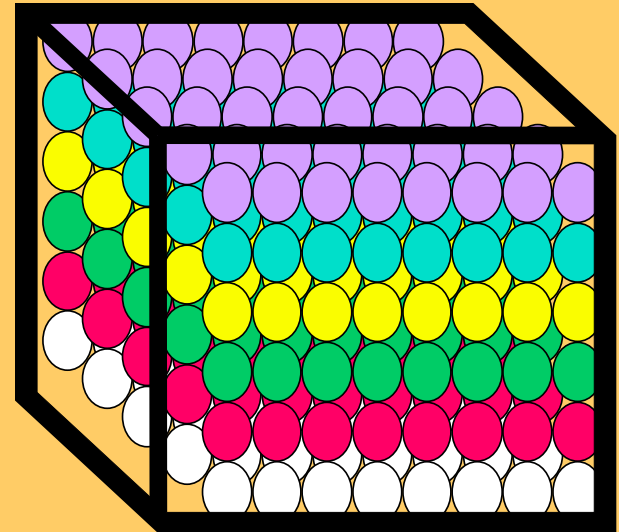
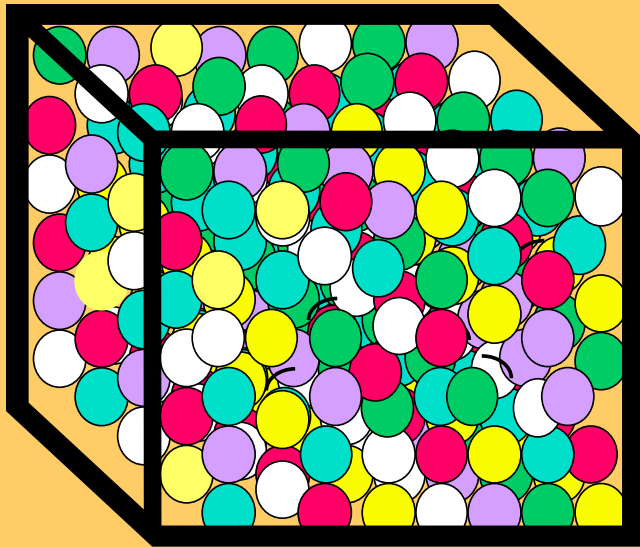
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*Original Highly
Disordered System*



*Increased Order
With Time*

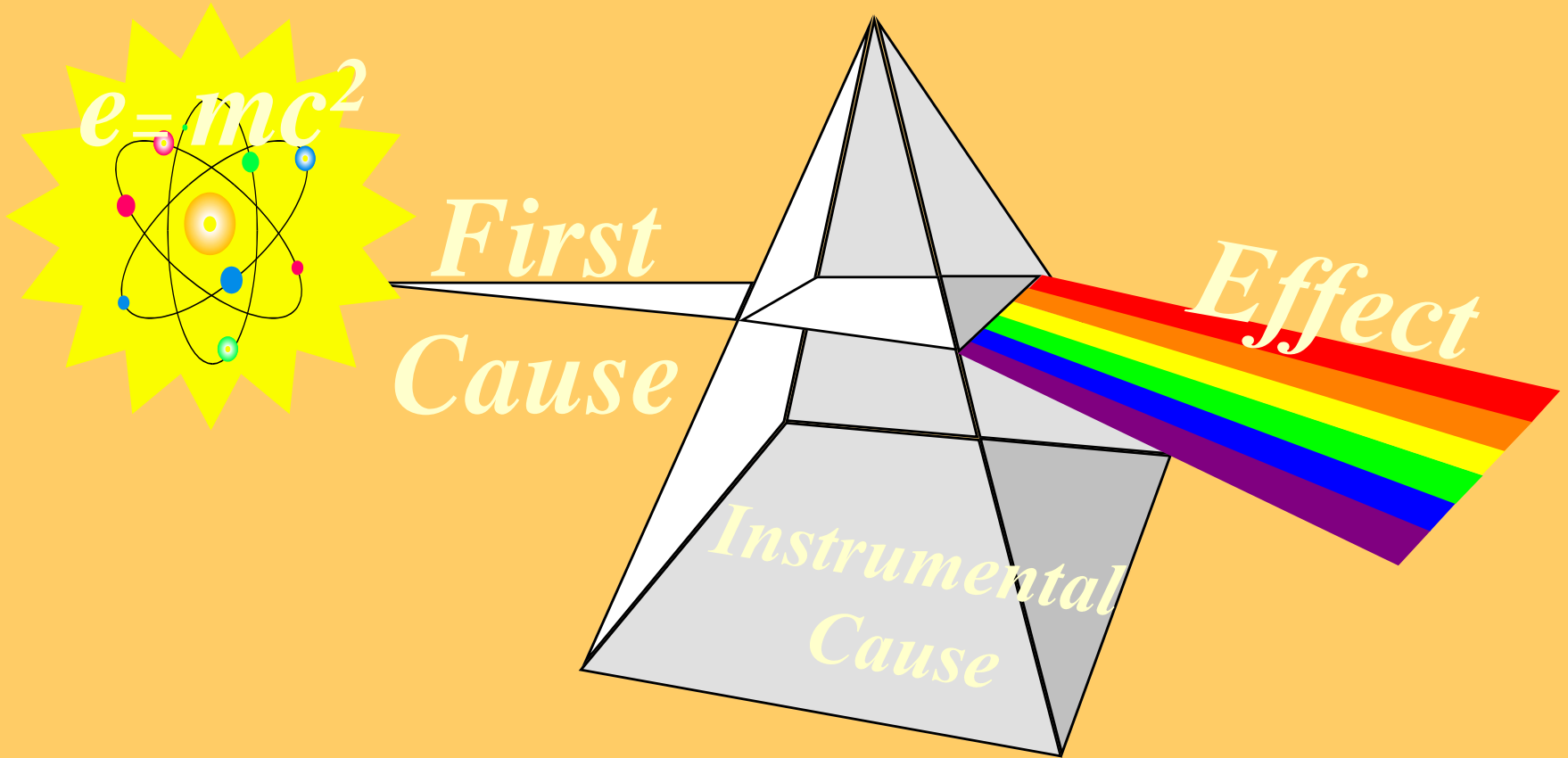


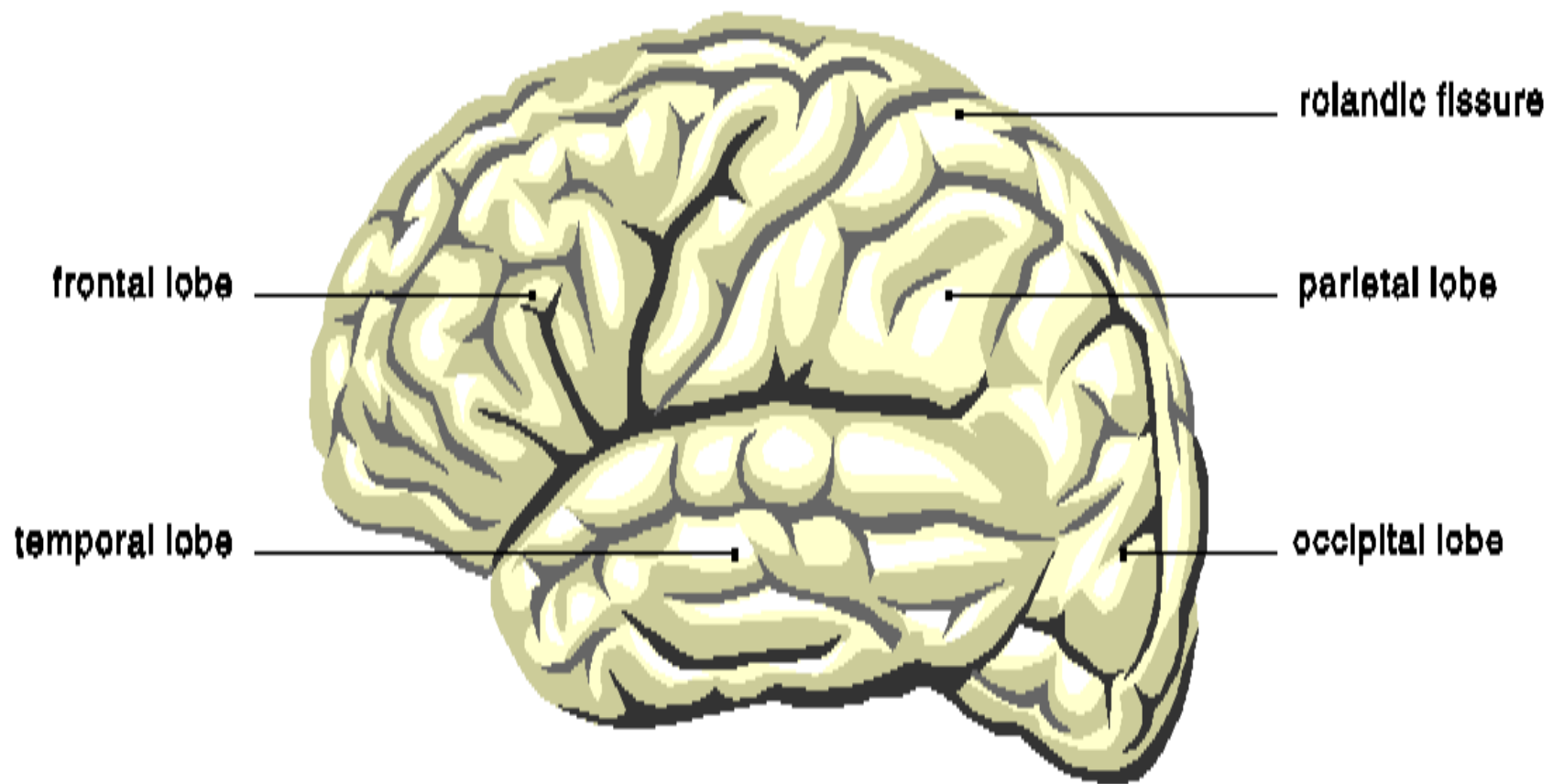
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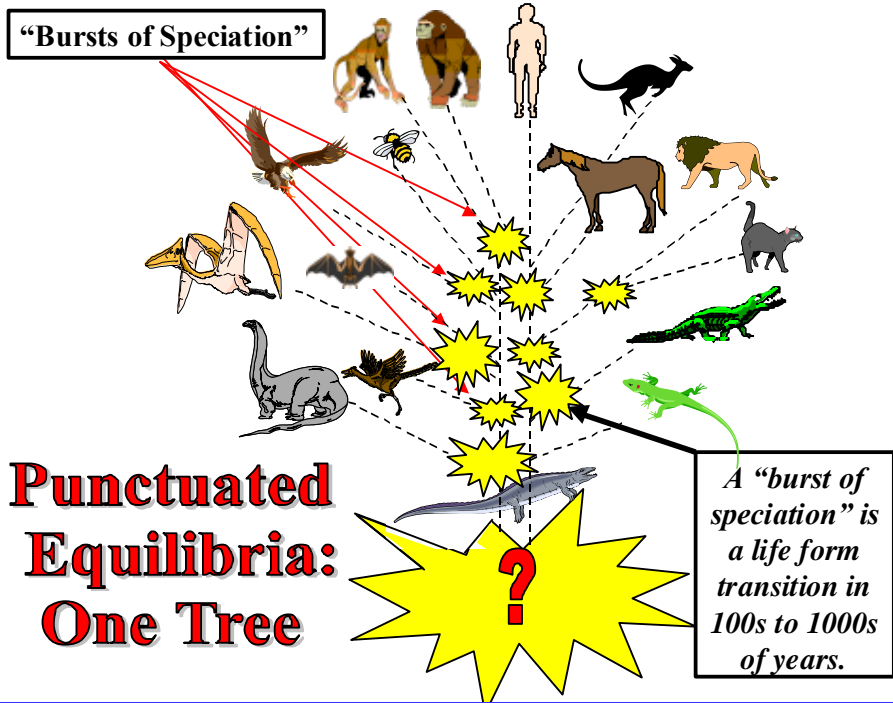
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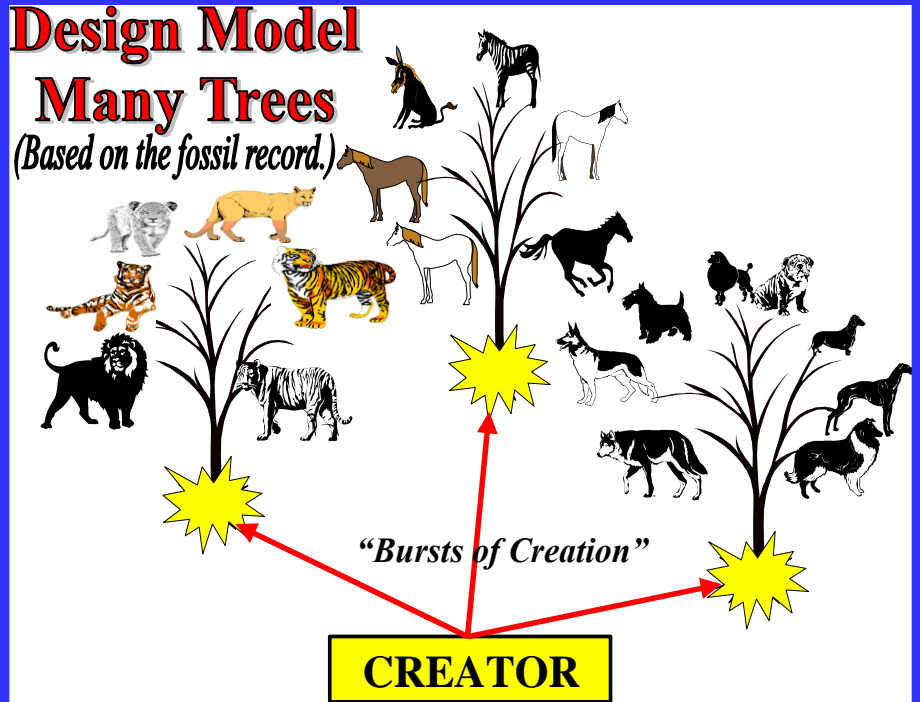


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