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Part 1. HOW DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU KNOW?

1. There are four potentially valid ways we commonly say we know things.

- (a) By personal experience through the SENSES.
- (b) By AUTHORITY.
- (c) By LOGIC.
- (d) By feeling or INTUITION.

2. There are also two invalid ways people try to persuade themselves or others that they know something:

- (e) WISHFUL thinking
- (f) BLUFFING.

3. The only types of knowledge that have to do with science are SENSE experience (when you are doing an experiment), AUTHORITY (when you do your research), and LOGIC (when you are drawing your conclusions.) Though intuition may be correct, it is NOT part of science.

4. If someone challenges you to prove that there is a God, you can challenge them to prove that there is NOT a God.

5. Atheists object to God because He would have to possess the following characteristics:

- (a) INVISIBLE
- (b) SUPERNATURAL
- (c) ETERNAL
- (d) OMNIPRESENT
- (e) OMNIPOTENT
- (f) SELF-EXISTENT

6. If there is no God, then the universe would have to be the result of an impersonal series of forces, processes, and events operating with no particular purpose over billions of years. We could use many names for this series such as Evolution, Accident, or RANDOM CHANCE.

7. If there is no God, then Random Chance would have to possess the following characteristics:

- (a) INVISIBLE
- (b) SUPERNATURAL
- (c) ETERNAL
- (d) OMNIPRESENT
- (e) OMNIPOTENT
- (f) SELF-EXISTENT

8. If you make a step of faith to **believe** in God and you are wrong, will you know it at the end of your life?
NO

9. If you make a step of faith to **reject** God and you are wrong, will you know it at the end of your life?

YES, because those who come to God must believe that He exists (Heb. 11:6). Those who reject Him will end up in HELL.

10. Even nature itself shows that there has to be a God (Rom. 1:18 - 23). Those who reject Him are without EXCUSE.
11. Atheists ridicule those who believe in God because they say we believe in an “invisible man in the sky.” Let’s take it a step further. We believe that before Jesus became a man, He was always an Intelligence. Therefore, we believe in an invisible INTELLIGENCE that is so powerful that He is responsible for all the complexity and organization of the universe, from the smallest sub-atomic level to the largest cosmological level.
12. Atheists believe in an invisible NON-INTELLIGENCE that is so powerful that it is responsible for all the complexity and organization of the universe, from the smallest sub-atomic level to the largest cosmological level.
13. Neither belief, intelligence or non-intelligence, is testable. We just have to decide which makes more sense.

Part 2. CREATION AND EVOLUTION.

1. The basic idea behind evolution is that everything began in a disorganized condition, then has self-organized ever since. (SIMPLE to COMPLEX)
2. The basic idea behind creation is that everything began in an organized condition, then has self-disorganized ever since. (COMPLEX to SIMPLE)
3. How many eyewitness accounts are there of evolution in the prehistoric past? NONE
4. Those who believe in evolution can only claim knowledge based on SPECULATION.
5. Correct logic must start with correct PREMISES (also known as axioms, presuppositions or postulates).
6. The most basic premise of evolution is that everything must be explainable by purely NATURAL processes.
7. How many things unexplainable by natural processes would it take to falsify this basic premise? ONE
8. Those who claim to believe in God and evolution do not believe in the God of the BIBLE.
9. According to evolution, animals had been killing each other for millions of years before man evolved. The driving force behind evolution was struggle and death. Therefore, death caused MAN.
10. According to the Bible, animals and humans did not begin to die until after Adam sinned. Therefore, man caused. DEATH.

Part 3. WHAT DOES THE FOSSIL RECORD SHOW US?

1. Fossils are the preserved remains of DEAD things. Most of the fossils around the world are preserved in sediment deposited by WATER.
2. When Darwin published the *Origin of Species* in 1859, he said the the fossil record was “the most obvious and gravest OBJECTION” to his theory.
3. In the time since *Origin of Species*, scientists have discovered hundreds of billions of FOSSILS. They have grouped these into about 250,000 fossil species.
4. If evolution was occurring over millions of years, there would have had to be many more TRANSITIONAL forms (half a dog, half a cat, etc.) than final forms (dog, cat, etc.). However, only a very small number of fossils have been proposed as possible transitions between major types, and even those are not universally accepted by evolutionists.
5. Some say that the early transitional fossils were not preserved because they were soft-bodied invertebrates (animals without BACKBONES). However, the fossils include JELLYFISH, just about the softest type of animal there is.
6. Because of the extreme rarity of possible transitional fossils, an alternative model known as Punctuated Equilibria has been proposed. Neo-Darwinism says the transitions were not preserved because the changes were too SLOW. Punctuated Equilibria says that the reason transitions were not preserved is that the changes were too FAST. **Either way, the transitions were not preserved.**
7. The idea that use and disuse of body parts can be passed on to future generations (e.g., giraffes stretching their necks) has been FALSIFIED by many experiments.
8. Evolution is supposed to happen because of MUTATIONS, random copying mistakes in DNA during reproduction.
9. An example to illustrate Punctuated Equilibria (proposed by a well-known evolutionist) is that one day a reptile must have laid an egg and a BIRD hatched.
10. Such a change from one generation to the next would require at least DOZENS of mutations.
11. The total number of mutations known to **increase** information in DNA is ZERO. A few mutations are neutral and have no obvious effect on the individual’s ability to survive, but the great majority of known mutations are harmful.
12. In order for Punctuated Equilibria to work, there would have to be a MALE and FEMALE born or hatched at the same time and place. They would have to have dozens of identical mutations, but also quite a few complementary ones in their reproductive systems so they would be able to breed.
13. The male and female would have to produce a great many offspring. At least one baby male and female in each later generation would have to experience dozens of mutations that were exactly the SAME, but

some of their mutations would also have to be complementary so their reproductive systems would continue to be compatible.

14. In order to produce all the species known, each new generation of their descendants would have to undergo the same process. To produce 250,000 fossil species, the process would have to be repeated at least 250,000 times.
15. Those who reject Darwinian evolution do so because the fossil evidence shows that it DID NOT happen. Those who reject Punctuated Equilibria do so because the biological evidence shows that it COULD NOT happen.

Part 4. WHAT DO THE ROCK STRATA MEAN?

1. The basic idea behind evolution is SIMPLE to COMPLEX.
2. The basic idea behind creation is COMPLEX to SIMPLE.
3. The geologic time scale of billions of years is based on the assumption that there has never been a worldwide FLOOD.
4. According to Steno's "Law of Superposition" dating from the 1600's, rocks in the lowest layers are always the oldest. However, this "Law" has been falsified both in the lab and in nature. The only time it applies is when there is no flowing CURRENT flow. Any time there is a flood the layers of sediment may be in any order.
5. There are many places in the world today (such as the Grand Cayman Islands) where clearly defined groups of animals and plants live at the same TIME but different environments. These ecological communities are called *biomes*.
6. There are several dozen distinct suites of fossils found around the world. Creationists believe they represent ecological communities that were BURIED together.
7. Evolutionists believe that the suites of fossils used to identify strata represent TIME periods.
8. Fossils are the preserved remains of dead things. In most cases, they are BURIED in water-deposited sediment.
9. Repeated lab experiments have shown that under the right conditions of heat, pressure, and mineral concentration, chicken bones can be turned into what look like fossils in as little as 10 years.
10. Experiments have also shown that under sufficient pressure, organic garbage such as grass and other vegetation can be turned into crude oil in as little as 20 MINUTES.
11. If there was a worldwide Flood, we would expect to find billions and billions of dead things buried in rock layers laid down by water all over the whole world, even on top of the highest MOUNTAINS.

12. What we actually find are billions and billions of DEAD THINGS buried in rock layers laid down by WATER all over the whole world, even on top of the highest MOUNTAINS.
13. Rock layers are not identified by testable means such as radiometric dating. Instead, they are identified by the SUITE of fossils they contain. The Cambrian suite is essentially the same throughout the world. Likewise, the Ordovician, Silurian, and so forth are just about the same no matter where they occur.
14. If evolution occurred, different types from amoebas to humans would have had to evolve at different rates in different places at different times. There should be no pattern of clearly defined COMMUNITIES of fossils around the world. Yet this is precisely how we identify rocks.
15. Evolutionists believe in *uniformitarianism* - the untestable belief that “the PRESENT is the key to the past.”
16. Biblical creationists believe in *catastrophism* -- that present processes do not have nearly as much effect on the earth’s geologic record as catastrophic events do. There should be evidence of at least one WORLDWIDE catastrophe in the geologic record.
17. An example of a catastrophic event is the eruption of the Mt. St. Helens volcano in the state of Washington. It deposited hundreds of feet of sediment in TWO days. The sediment was divided into hundreds of thousands of layers. Instead of being thousands of years apart, the layers were all the SAME age.
18. Two years later, a second mudflow at Mt. St. Helens eroded a canyon 1/35 of the scale of the Grand Canyon, in ONE DAY.
19. Evolution says the the first living thing belonged to ONE species, ONE genus, ONE family, ONE order, ONE class, ONE phylum, and ONE kingdom. As time went on, the number of each of these categories preserved as fossils should have increased steadily, from the lowest level (species) to the highest (kingdom).
20. Creation says that all the higher categories were present from the beginning of life. Many should be preserved as FOSSILS. The number of higher categories should decrease in the HIGHER rock layers because of extinction.
21. There are very few fossils in rock layers lower than Cambrian. When we get to that layer, geologists call it the Cambrian EXPLOSION. All the phyla of the animal kingdom are present, along with many divisions of plants. All appear suddenly and with no known ancestry.
22. Once the Cambrian fossils appear, they either become extinct in the higher layers or else show *stasis* -- that is, they do not EVOLVE.

Part 5. HOW DO DINOSAURS FIT WITH THE BIBLE?

1. If we accept the Bible as the Word of God, dinosaurs and other land animals were created on day 6 of the creation week, between 6 and 7 THOUSAND years ago.
2. Most non-Christian textbooks say that dinosaurs lived between about 225 to 65 MILLION years ago.
3. The ages of millions of years are based on the presupposition that there can never have been a worldwide FLOOD.
4. Carbon dating is used to measure ages of no more than a few THOUSAND years.
5. From their bone structure, we can tell that dinosaurs were REPTILES.
6. How many transitional fossils are there leading from lower reptiles to dinosaurs? NONE
7. The pelycosaur found in lower layers than dinosaurs are actually considered more ADVANCED.
8. MARINE reptiles are classified as belonging to different orders than the dinosaurs.
9. Likewise, FLYING reptiles belonged to different orders than the dinosaurs.
10. The two orders of reptiles classified as true dinosaurs are identified by the structure of their PELVIS (hip).
11. Even the largest dinosaurs hatched from eggs that were no bigger than a FOOTBALL.
12. Unlike living land reptiles, dinosaurs had LEGS positioned directly under the body. This allowed them to grow as long as they lived.
13. Dinosaurs are found in SIX of the suites of fossils in the geologic column.
14. Though over a thousand genus names have been assigned to dinosaurs, many are believed to be DUPLICATES.
15. We cannot be sure of the exact number of dinosaur genera because we cannot do BREEDING experiments.
16. Up to 50 genus names have been given to Upper Triassic dinosaurs.
17. The fossil bird dated the oldest, *Protoavis*, is found in rock layers dated millions of years before the first BIRD - like dinosaurs.
18. There have been several hundred genus names assigned to dinosaurs of the Lower, Middle, and Upper JURASSIC fossil suites.
19. Though up to 500 genus names have been assigned to Cretaceous dinosaurs, NONE have been proposed as transitions from one type to another.
20. There are over 2800 genera of birds in the world today. A large number of genera does not indicate EVOLUTION.
21. Evolutionists believe dinosaurs may have died off because of several causes – ANYTHING but a worldwide FLOOD.
22. There are hundreds of legends of large reptiles known as DRAGONS from around the world.

23. The Bible mentions two types of unknown creatures that could have been dinosaurs in the book of **JOB**. One of them is said to have breathed fire.
24. There is at least one kind of insect in the world today (the “Bombardier beetle”) that is able to shoot out a boiling hot liquid as a **DEFENSE** mechanism.
25. The King James Version of the Bible, translated hundreds of years ago, uses the word “unicorn.” The Greek and Hebrew words simply mean some animal with a single horn, not some sort of flying **HORSE**.
26. A mosaic tile floor in Zippori, Israel dated around 300 AD, shows a picture of a **DINOSAUR** very much like a *Zuniceratops*.
27. There have been reports of large reptiles for thousands of years. Pictures of them can be seen in Israel, Cambodia, the U.S., Mexico, and many other places. The artists could either have had very accurate imaginations, or else they actually **SAW** something.
28. According to the Bible, **GOD** decided what animals to bring to the Ark.
29. Even the largest dinosaurs hatched from eggs that were about the size of a **FOOTBALL**.
30. Even having a pair of every known **KIND** (NOT the same as a species), Noah’s Ark would have only been about 1/3 full.
31. The great majority of dinosaurs are believed to have eaten **PLANTS**.
32. How many dinosaurs are considered transitional forms from one major type to another? **NONE**
33. The most common story about the evolution of birds says that they came from some dinosaur with a lizard-type rather than a **BIRD**- type pelvis (hip structure).
34. Since birds are not supposed to have evolved from dinosaurs with a bird-type (ornithischian) pelvis, this structure would have had to evolve independently in both birds and ornithischian dinosaurs through parallel mutations in the **DNA** of both types. .
35. Birds have a completely different type of **LUNG** than either reptiles or mammals.
36. There have been reports of possible feathered dinosaurs. However, birds have at least **TWELVE** different types of feathers, not just one.
37. *Archaeopteryx* could not be the ancestor of all birds, because even on the evolutionary time scale it is not the **EARLIEST**.
48. There are over **2800** genera of birds in the world today. If they all came from a single ancestor, its DNA would have had to go through millions of beneficial mutations.

Part 7. HOW ABOUT APE-MEN?

1. Evolution says that you are nothing but an evolved _____.
2. According to the Bible, the first man did not have _____. He was created from the dust of the earth.
3. The elements found in the human body (carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen, phosphorus, sulfur and many others) can be found in the _____ of the earth.
4. Do men have one less rib than women? _____
5. When God did a miraculous cloning operation on on Adam, it did not affect his _____ so it did not affect his children.
6. If _____ is correct, there should be a great many transitions between apes and humans.
7. If humans were created as humans and apes were created as apes, we should find a complete _____ of transitional forms in the fossil record. (No ape-men!)
8. If we ask, "If humans evolved from apes, why are there still apes?," evolutionists will say that we are not supposed to have evolved from any of the _____ apes.
9. In that case, it is a fair question to ask, "Where are the ancestors of the modern apes?"
10. Humans are classified as belonging to an order called Primates. Primates are found in rock layers from the Eocene up to the Holocene (_____).
11. There are only a few thousand fossils (teeth, pieces of bone, etc.) supposed to show the evolution of humans from apes over _____ million years.
12. These pieces of bones and teeth probably came from just a few _____ individuals.
13. Evolutionists believe fossils form as animals die and fall into a body of water, then are covered by _____ (dirt) which hardens over millions of years, and eventually become exposed through erosion. Their explanation for why there are so few primate fossils is that they just were not in the right place at the right time.
14. Creationists believe most fossils were produced in Noah's Flood. Primates are among the most mobile and resource animals, so they would have been able to avoid being _____ and fossilized for the longest time.
15. Fossils do not need to take millions of years to form. Under the right conditions they can form in a very _____ time.
16. Primates are divided into Prosimians and Anthropoids. The first group includes _____ like those in the move Madagascar.
17. Anthropoids include New World monkeys, Old World monkeys, apes, and _____.
18. An obvious difference between apes and monkeys is that apes do not have _____.
19. Apes are divided into Asian (gibbon and orangutan) and African (gorillas and _____).

20. In order for anything to evolve into anything else, its _____ must have had millions of beneficial mutations. However, almost all mutations are harmful rather than helpful.
21. Evolutionists believe that the first primates must have come from some lower mammal such as tree shrews. However, rather than being found in lower layers than the primates, the tree shrews are first found in the _____ layer.
22. According to the evolutionary interpretation of the geologic column, the tree shrews could not be _____ of primates because they appeared at the same time.
23. A fossil known as *Darwinius Massilae* was supposed to be the oldest known ancestor of humans. However, scientists later realized that it was nothing but a _____.
24. So far, the original insectivore ancestor, the transition from insectivores, and the common ancestor of all primates are _____.
25. _____ first appear in the Oligocene layer, suddenly and fully formed, with nothing leading up to them.
26. A “species” is a manmade classification. A species is not the same as a _____ in the book of Genesis.
27. There have been many times where evolutionists assigned several different genus names to fossils that were later determined to belong to the same genus or even the same _____.
28. *Sivapithecus* is supposed to be over 13 million years old, but it is very much like an orangutan. Humans are supposed to have evolved all the way from apes in less than a million years. It looks like orangutans forgot to _____.
29. The Asian and African apes appear in the Miocene fossil record suddenly and fully formed, with no known _____.
30. *Sahelanthropus* is dated at about 7 million years old but is very much like a _____.
31. So far, the ancestors of lemurs, lorises, New World monkeys, Old World monkeys, and apes are _____.
32. Some people claim that human DNA is only two percent different from chimpanzee DNA. This is probably much too low. Even if it were correct, it would mean there are at least _____ genetic differences in human and chimp DNA.
33. If something like chimps were evolving into humans, they might average sixty mutations per generation of 10 years or so. At this rate, it would take about a million generations for apes to evolve into humans. If the process missed even a single generation out of a million, evolution would _____.
34. Humans have far more _____ capacity than evolution would furnish.
35. Each of the supposed ape-human ancestors known as *Dryopithecus*, *Proconsul*, *Ramapithecus*, *Oreopithecus*, *Limnopithecus*, *Kenyapithecus*, and *Rudapithecus* has been found to be nothing but an _____.

36. The famous “Lucy” fossil, *Australopithecus*, was very similar to bonobos -- a variety of living _____.
37. The only reason “*Homo habilis*” was placed in the human genus was because it was found with _____. However, undisputed true humans were later found at the same location. Humans, not apes, made the tools.
38. “Nebraska man” and “Piltdown man” were accepted for a while as ape-men, because evolutionists were so desperate for “missing links.” They later turned out to be _____.
39. *Homo erectus* had a face with non-European features, so the European book authors said it was a lesser form of life. Most scientists now accept it as a true _____.
40. Neanderthal Man is now accepted as fully _____.
41. Cro-Magnon man was physically _____ to modern humans in every way. We haven’t evolved. If anything, we’ve devolved!
42. Remember that if humans were created as humans and apes were created as apes, we should find a complete _____ of transitional forms in the fossil record. That is exactly what we find.
43. The most reasonable explanation for the origin of humans is that we were _____ directly by God.

Part 6. UNEXPLAINED GAPS IN THE FOSSIL RECORD.

1. There are no fossils showing the evolution of _____ from non-life.
2. The evidence from geology indicates that the conditions necessary to produce life from non-living chemicals have _____ existed.
3. Biologists have learned that there is no such thing as a _____ cell. The DNA of one of the simplest known contains about 1/10 of the information in the New York Public Library.
4. The “earliest” fossils known are *stromatolites*, blue-green algae supposed to be 3.5 billion years old. However, blue-green algae have not _____ at all.
5. Many living things are made of a single cell that has to perform all the functions of life. Many others consist of billions or trillions of cells that have a specialized function. There are _____ living or fossil specimens showing the change from one-celled to multi-celled.
6. Darwin and most others believed that life evolved from chemicals at sea level, using energy sources (sunlight, lightning, etc.) available at the surface. However, the “oldest” known fossils such as the Ediacaran Fauna are from the _____ of the ocean.
7. Either the Precambrian life forms had to (a) begin at the surface then dive to the bottom of the ocean, (b) begin at the bottom without using any of the energy sources available at the surface, or (c) the whole idea is _____.
8. The Ediacaran animals are complex invertebrates (animals without a backbone). They appear in the fossil record with no known _____.

9. The animals of the Cambrian Explosion are not believed to be descended from those of the Ediacaran. They, too, appear in the fossil record _____ and fully formed.
10. Evolutionists believe land plants were among the last major types of living things to evolve. However, parts of over sixty genera have been found in _____ rocks.
11. We cannot trace the ancestry of even a single type of _____ from an evolutionary origin to the present.
12. Remember that all the rock layers are not dated by any testable method, but are assigned ages based on the _____ of fossils they contain.