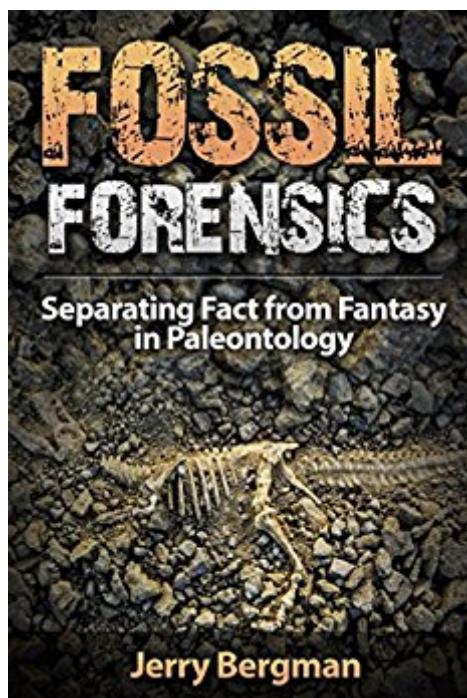


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Fossil Forensics: Separating Fact From Fantasy In Paleontology



Synopsis

There is a difference between fact and speculation. Unfortunately, scientists and science media often fail to make the distinction everywhere they should. This is especially true within paleontology. Paleontologists often develop theories which, while interesting or even exciting, lack supporting evidence, or are even flat out contradicted by available evidence. *Fossil Forensics: Separating Fact from Fantasy in Paleontology* brings you face to face with fossils of all kinds and from every layer of the fossil record. Photographs, diagrams, illustrations, and in-depth descriptions help you get acquainted with not only the fossils but also the organisms behind them and how they affect our understanding of natural history. In *Fossil Forensics*, biology professor Dr. Jerry Bergman examines many claims that have been made about fossil discoveries to determine what the rock record does and does not show about organisms, their ancestry, and their evolution. In this book, Dr. Bergman examines claims about general features of fossils such as teeth and feathers as well as claims about the origins and lineages of groups of all kinds, including whales, bats, birds, and insects.

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Customer Reviews

Fossil Forensics by Jerry Bergman (2017) shows evolution to be a naked emperor—“without clothes. To put it another way, evolution is Swiss cheese—full of holes. It’s not just a link that is missing (as in the postulated ‘missing link’) but all links between all major animal groups are missing. In part 1, he deals with teeth and feathers. In part 2, he deals with arthropods and insects, and in part 3, he deals with fish, amphibians, dinosaurs, birds, bats, and whales. All of it is well researched and documented. I now offer aspects that affected me in showing the unreasonableness of evolution. On p. 67, Dr. Bergman, who has nine degrees in science including 5 masters degrees and 2 doctorates, wrote, “The Smithsonian Institute alone contains about 15 million. These fossils give us a very good idea of what life was like eons ago. In all of these millions of fossils, no clear transitional forms have ever been located.” On p. 154, he wrote, “Therefore, Marden proposed yet another idea—the view that the first insects skinned on the water surface by using gills as sales and gradually developed the ability to fly. A major problem with this theory is that all known insects, both living and extinct, are, and always were, terrestrial and would not have gills, but a lung analog or a means of diffusing oxygen from air.” On p. 236, he wrote that “if dinosaurs evolve from some primitive precursor, good fossil evidence for their evolution from their earlier ancestors should have been uncovered by now. However, the fossil evidence does not support their evolution from some lower forms of life.” On p. 310, he wrote, “Because whales are mammals, their evolution was assumed to have occurred through some type of terrestrial mammal. Evolving from a land tetrapod into a sea mammal requires hundreds of major land-adapted traits to be converted into sea-adapted designs.” In the next paragraph, he wrote that the many other problems for whale evolution include loss of body hair, body streamlining, transformation of forelimbs into flippers, loss of hind limbs, evolution of flukes for swimming, and backward nostril design. On the next page, he wrote, “The body size changes required to evolve from a small terrestrial mammal to a whale are enormous—from a 50-pound dog-sized animal to up to a 150-tons sea animal, and from a few feet long to up to 100-foot-long animal. The tongue of a blue whale alone weighs as much as an elephant. These changes require not only size modifications, but major design changes in every body organ and structure.” The size changes require evolving a heart from the size of a human fist to one about the size of a Volkswagen Beetle. For decades, Dr. Bergman taught biology on the college level and writes matter-of-factly. In contrast with me, he seems mild-mannered.

This book is aptly titled. It totally dismantles and eviscerates any claims that the evolutionists want

to make. "Evolution" is proven to be nothing more than man's attempt to make a monkey of himself.i

Jerry Bergman has taught biochemistry, anthropology, geology, and microbiology and has nine earned degrees! This is a super work documenting the long known fact (even to Darwin) that the fossil record argues against the germs-to-geologists philosophy. Bergman highlights teeth - there are tons of different kinds of teeth (50 types) in the living world and evolutionists are at a loss to explain their origin. Consider the various parts of a tooth: enamel, dentin, pulp, ligament and nerve which form a coordinated system. How did these come about from simpler forms? A platypus has four upper teeth and six lower teeth that vanish as they grow up. Where are the transitional forms to get to this result? The Cambrian Explosion where complex life such as trilobites appeared on the scene without precursors in the fossil record is a problem for molecules-to-man evolution that even Darwin admitted. Bergman provides a helpful discussion of the Burgess Shale (Canada). Bergman quotes Meglitsch & Schram on the origin of multi-cellular life: "Zoologists disagree about the origin of metazoans ... many of these theories [on the origin of metazoa] are interesting - some approach a type of biopoetry - very few are based on consideration of the meaning of form and function ..." (p. 88). Did you ever see a roach evolve? If insects evolved from millipedes, where did millipedes come from? There are no clear examples of transitional forms displaying the evolution of insects (p. 136). Insects have a quick generation time so they should change faster, but they don't. Whence the insect wing? Some researcher even admit that arthropods may be polyphyletic, that is, not from a common ancestor (p. 139). Is the evidence for whale evolution really convincing? Did whales come from cows, wolves, bears, hippos or cats? All these have been suggested. Some think whales came from mesonychids, but phylogenetic data oppose this hypothesis (p. 309). Let's look at some of the modifications needed to become a whale from a smaller creature. Get bigger - some whales are 100 feet long and have a tongue as heavy as an elephant. Have a big heart - a whale may have a heart as big as a car! Slow down - whales have a heart rate of 9 bpm. Chill out - whales have tons of blubber to stay warm in the cold ocean. Whales have always been whales. Get this book and you'll see that the fossil record surely throws huge roadblocks into the Darwinist worldview.

Do fossils support what public schools are teaching our children about Darwin's theory of evolution? The answer is no, and it is a sad truth that the scientific literature does not support what is being taught in many science classes. Jerry Bergman amply demonstrates as much in this book by examining what the fossil record shows us, comparing the facts of the fossil record against the fantasies and speculations commonly presented to support a Darwinian view of Earth's history. The

book is written for the layman while providing ample references to the scientific literature in support of points being made. Chapters are written independently so that you can pick up the book and read a chapter on, say, fish or birds, or on whatever aspect of the fossil record interests you at the moment. Bergman points out the lack of evidence in the fossil record for evolution as taught in most of our schools today, exposing the speculation and fantasizing that history-deniers use in order to gloss over the truth and sell a lie.

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