

Lesson 5: "THE GRAND THEORY OF EVOLUTION"

- **NATURALISM... MATERIALISM... NO GOD**

In our culture many scientists promote the idea that everything can be explained by a scientific study of NATURE. This idea says there is **No God, just Nature.**

"The Cosmos is all there is, or was, or ever will be."

-Carl Sagan, Harvard Scientist

- **EVOLUTION:**

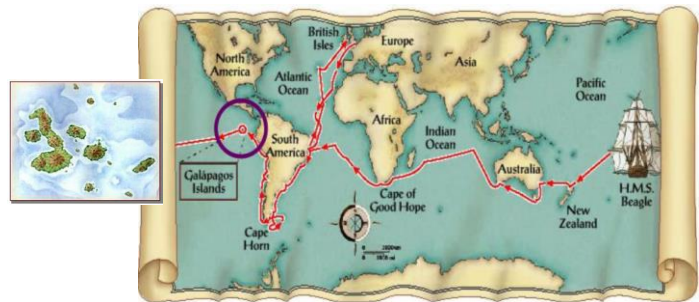
"Evolution" became popular when Charles Darwin wrote *Origin of the Species* (1859.)



Watch this video: (3:28)

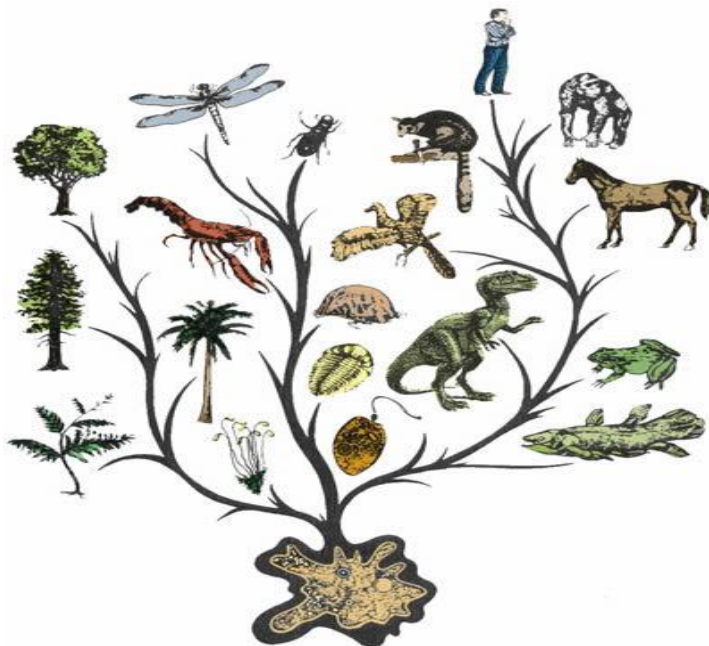
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Darwin reasoned that:

If animals can change slightly from one generation to the next, large changes over long periods of time by "Survival of the Fittest" and "Natural Selection."



DARWIN'S EVOLUTIONARY "TREE OF LIFE"

This has become the
"GRAND THEORY OF EVOLUTION."

Every living thing must have had a common ancestor ...

without God in the story of life.

Activity:
Read "Grandmother Fish"
By Jonathan Tweet

YOUR THOUGHTS:

1. Did Darwin *observe* large changes – from one kind of animal to another? _____
2. What question(s) could you respectfully ask in school when you are discussing the changes brought about by “Natural Selection?”



3. The Peppered Moth appears in nearly every textbook as an example of “Natural Selection.” Is this really evidence of the Grand Theory of Evolution? What question(s) could you respectfully ask in school about the Peppered Moth?



Activity:
Peppered Moth Game

Do FOSSILS show evidence of one kind of animal changing to another kind? We will find out...



Activity:
Make homemade FOSSILS:
“A rock layer with fossil prints.”

