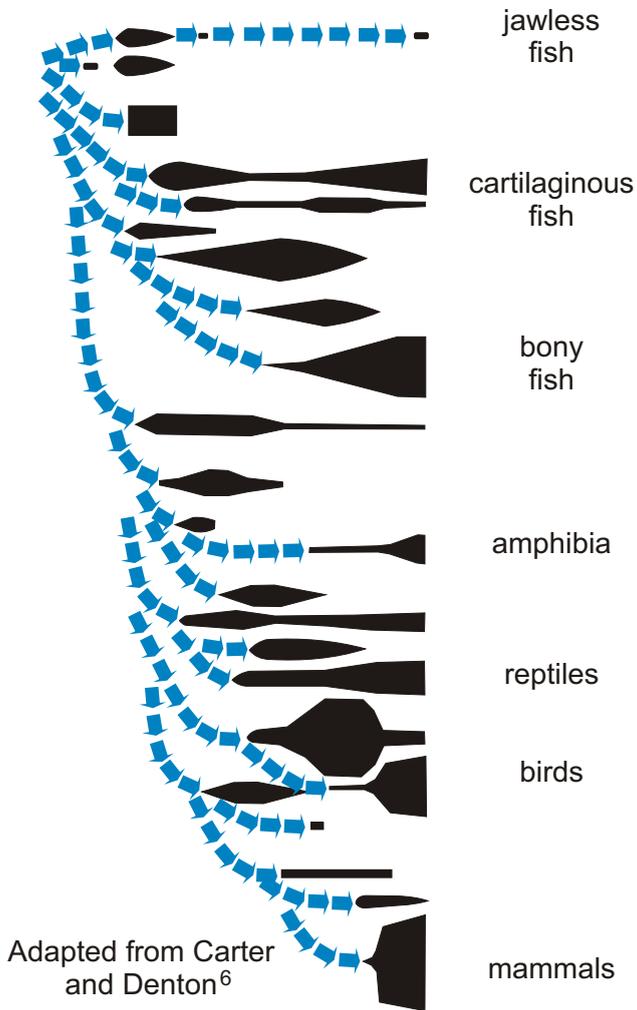


IS THIS PATTERN UNIVERSAL?

FOSSIL RECORD (below) of bony creatures (vertebrates) shows abundance of fossils in rock layers from Cambrian (left) to present day (right). Arrowed lines show believed evolutionary links where no fossils have been found. Groups not reaching the right hand side are believed to be extinct.

GEOLOGIC TIME

Cambrian.....Present



MAN AND CHIMPS TOO

NOTABLE QUOTABLE ON HUMAN EVOLUTION, as regular *Nature* writer Henry Gee said (July 2001). "Fossil evidence of human evolutionary history is fragmentary and open to various interpretations. Fossil evidence of chimpanzee evolution is absent altogether."⁷

ED. COM. No fossil evidence of the chimps' family tree surely means we have no fossil evidence chimps evolved? "Various interpretations" of fragmentary data is not evidence of Human evolution either.

ARE THERE ANY EXCEPTIONS TO THIS PATTERN?

Curator of Zoological Collections, Oxford University Dr TS Kemp said (1999) "With few exceptions, radically new kinds of organisms appear for the first time in the fossil record already fully evolved, with most of their characteristic features present."⁸

ED. COM. The fossil record consists of creatures so "fully evolved", they can be classified into different kinds, separated by distinct gaps. This pattern is universal, a fact that has been known for a long time.

BIO - GAPS

FAMOUS PALEONTOLOGIST G.G.Simpson, referring to missing fossils in the evolutionary sequence, stated at the 1959 Darwin Centenary Symposium "Gaps among known species are sporadic and often small. Gaps among known (*classification groups*) orders, classes and phyla are systematic and almost always large."⁹

GEO - GAPS

In 1993 U.K. Geology Professor Derek Ager said in reference to missing rock layers, "it may seem paradoxical, but to me the gaps probably cover most of earth's history... It was during the breaks that most events probably occurred... this was when most animals and plants lived out their short lives or evolved into new forms."¹⁰

*ED.COM. The importance of Ager's comment is missed by most. Any **GEOLOGICAL GAPS**, or missing layers in the orthodox geologic column were caused by either erosion or non deposition, both of which are **RANDOM** events. Ager (and most others) assume it is in those absent strata that the missing fossil evidence for evolution would have been deposited, if the record had been preserved. But the problem for evolution is that the missing fossils produce **BIOLOGICAL GAPS** between major life groups that are **SYSTEMATIC**. Can you see the dilemma? **RANDOM GAPS** in strata produced by processes such as erosion and non deposition, could never in a million million years produce **SYSTEMATIC GAPS** in fossil evidence.*

THINKERS PROBLEM!

The fact that all creatures appear suddenly in the fossil record separated from possible ancestors, by large *systematic* **BIO-GAPS** (missing fossils), in spite of the many *random* **GEO-GAPS** (missing rocks), is the major unspoken problem for all theories of evolution from Darwin to Gould. Attempts to solve this dilemma have concentrated on fossil **GAPS** (as seen over).