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of things evolutionists don't want you to know

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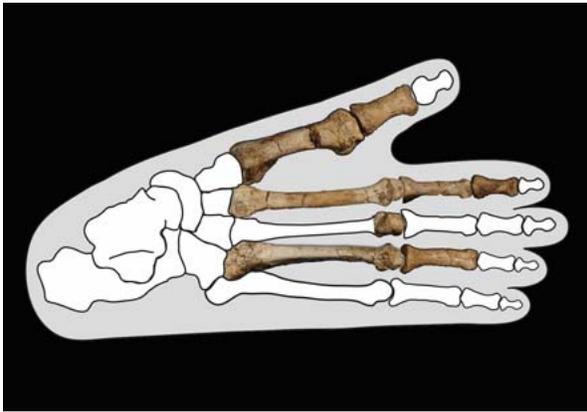
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FOOT FAULT

Evolutionists put a gorilla's foot in their mouths.

Here's how *Science News* reported a discovery published in *Nature*.



Eight toe bones (shown in the outline of a gorilla foot) found in Ethiopia belonged to a 3.4 million-year-old human ancestor that combined tree climbing with awkward walking.

An ancient member of the human evolutionary family has put what's left of a **weird**, gorilla-like foot forward to show that upright walking evolved along different paths in East Africa.

A 3.4 million-year-old partial fossil foot unearthed in Ethiopia comes from **a previously unknown hominid species** that deftly climbed trees but walked clumsily, say anthropologist Yohannes Haile-Selassie of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History and his colleagues. Their report appears in the March 29 *Nature*.

To the scientists' **surprise**, this creature lived at the same time and in the same region as *Australopithecus afarensis*, a hominid species best known for a partial skeleton dubbed Lucy.

¹ *Science News*, May 5, 2012, "Ancient ancestor climbed, walked", page 18,

There is nothing surprising, or weird, about this discovery—unless you are an evolutionist. They are perfectly normal gorilla foot bones, as you can see from the picture. The authors of the *Nature* article compared metatarsal ratios of humans and many different kinds of apes with these newly discovered bones and plotted them. These newly discovered bones fell right in the middle of the gorilla measurements, as shown by the solid black diamond in their Figure 4.

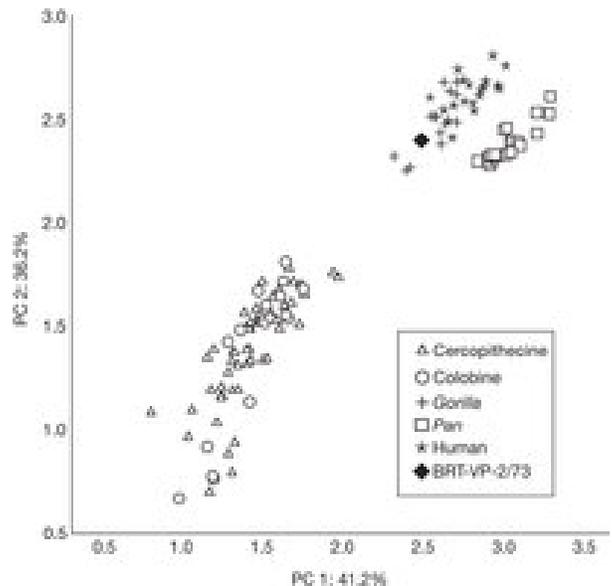


Figure 4: Principal component analysis (PCA) of metatarsal ratios. ²

There is absolutely nothing unusual about these perfectly normal gorilla foot bones; but

http://www.sciencenews.org/view/generic/id/339522/title/New_ancestor_grasped_at_walking

² Yohannes Haile-Selassie *et al.*, *Nature*, 29 March 2012, "A new hominin foot from Ethiopia shows multiple Pliocene bipedal adaptations", pp 565–569, <http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v483/n7391/full/nature10922.html>

evolutionists can't believe they are gorilla foot bones because they are too old. Modern gorillas had not yet evolved 3.4 million years ago! Therefore, evolutionists believe they must have come from an unknown human ancestor.

A newly discovered partial hominin foot skeleton from eastern Africa indicates the presence of more than one hominin locomotor adaptation at the beginning of the Late Pliocene epoch. Here we show that new pedal elements, dated to about 3.4 million years ago, belong to a species that does not match the contemporaneous *Australopithecus afarensis* in its morphology and inferred locomotor adaptations, but instead are more similar to the earlier *Ardipithecus ramidus* in possessing an opposable great toe. This not only indicates the presence of more than one hominin species at the beginning of the Late Pliocene of eastern Africa, but also indicates the persistence of a species with *Ar. ramidus*-like locomotor adaptation into the Late Pliocene.³

Evolutionists believe that *Australopithecus afarensis*, commonly known as "Lucy," walked upright, despite the fact they never found any of her foot bones. They believe this because they found modern footprints in nearby rocks of the same geologic age. But now they believe they have found evidence that our presumed ancestors didn't walk upright, so they are confused. It is difficult for me to explain their illogical reasoning logically, so I'll let them speak for themselves.

The limitations of the fossil record leave ample room for debate about human origins. But most palaeoanthropologists agree that selection for bipedalism was instrumental in setting the human lineage on its separate evolutionary path from the chimpanzee lineage. And, as with any journey, it was probably sensible for our ancestors to put their best foot forward when starting out. The big question is, what kind of foot? On page 565 of this issue, Haile-Selassie and colleagues present findings from a partial foot fossil which suggest that the feet of early hominins (species more closely related to humans than to chimpanzees), and hence their locomotor behaviour, were more diverse than was previously thought, and that the diversity lasted for much longer than was thought.

... An absence of fossil feet older than those of *Australopithecus* led palaeoanthropologists to believe that humanlike feet helped guide the way in human evolution, by enabling early hominins to walk effectively as bipeds, even while they retained some features that helped

them to climb trees. In addition, the origin of the genus *Homo*, to which modern humans belong, was thought to have involved only minor modifications to foot anatomy, perhaps to improve our ancestors' ability to run long distances, although at the expense of climbing.

Recent discoveries have made that simple narrative more complex.⁴

"Haile-Selassie's discovery highlights our lack of knowledge about hominid feet," White says.⁵

FALSIFICATION

We've heard evolutionists say that all it would take to falsify the geologic timescale is to find modern bones in ancient rocks. But when modern gorilla foot bones are found in ancient rocks, evolutionists don't admit they were wrong about the age of the rocks. Instead, they claim the bones came from some unknown, imaginary human ancestor. So, the geologic timescale isn't really falsifiable because evolutionists refuse to accept any evidence to the contrary.

ANCESTORS

Even if these gorilla foot bones came from some species other than a gorilla, and even if they are 3.4 million years old, it still doesn't prove that species is a human ancestor. George Washington lived and died long before I was born. That doesn't prove I'm a descendant of George Washington.

Email

DEFINITIONS AND REFERENCES

Dylan has two comments about our web site.

Dylan wrote this email, which addresses two different concerns:

Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2012 6:29 AM
To: Pogge@ScienceAgainstEvolution.info
Subject: Concerns on your website
Hello Do-While Jones,

I'm writing because I greatly admire your website's goal of encouraging our nation to think critically about scientific concepts and think for themselves rather than follow blindly what one scientist or the other says.

⁴ Lieberman, *Nature*, 29 March 2012, "Those feet in ancient times", pp 550-551, <http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v483/n7391/full/483550a.html>

⁵ *Science News*, May 5, 2012, "Ancient ancestor climbed, walked", page 18, http://www.sciencenews.org/view/generic/id/339522/title/New_ancestor_grasped_at_walking

³ *ibid.*

This mob mentality is dangerous and all too present in America today. What I admire most about your website is that it rebukes evolution the way it should be, with science.

This is the only true way to establish new leading hypotheses and destroy old paradigms.

As a lover of science, you and I share the same goal of increasing an understanding of the world and accepting theories based on evidence. That said, I have a couple concerns about your website that may be unintentionally misleading. The first instance I noticed was on your front page "We use the term "evolution" to mean, "The doctrine that unguided natural forces caused chemicals to combine in such a way that life resulted; and that all living things have descended from that common ancestral form of life."". In this quote, you refer to abiogenesis (the origin of life) as if it is part of the theory of evolution. It is not. Although I encourage reevaluating both theories, they are not the same. I know this is just a little thing but it really makes a big difference.

The other concern is less of a concern and more of a question. While I admire the no frills message of the website, I find it a bit difficult to navigate at times and had trouble finding your scientific literature. I found many great points on your website and many links to great opinion articles but do you have an index of your peer-reviewed references somewhere? Maybe I'm just looking in the wrong places but I would really like to see the peer-reviewed literature as I have a long standing argument with a friend and that kind of material would help greatly.

Keep up the good work,
Dylan

The two issues he addresses have to do with (1) the definition of evolution and (2) the lack of an index to all our scientific references. I responded to both issues in an email to him, and then he responded again in another email discussing both issues. To keep from jumping back and forth, I have artificially divided our correspondence into two threads.

THREAD 1 – THE DEFINITION

Our response to Dylan was,

Evolutionists exclude abiogenesis whenever it suits their purpose. But, when it comes to teaching evolution in public schools, they always include abiogenesis as an untouchable part of evolution. That's why we make it clear on our home page that we include abiogenesis as part of evolution.

He replied,

That makes a lot of sense when you put it that way and this is undoubtedly an issue that must be addressed however if I may add my own personal input (which you can take or leave considering this is your website and not mine), bundling the two theories together only gives evolutionists more of a reason to discredit alternative theories. While there is more or less a generally accepted version of the theory of evolution, there are several very different competing theories on abiogenesis that can be critiqued individually. Furthermore I have found that

combining these theories is often seen by evolutionists as a sign of ignorance especially if they are unaware of the context that you are using it in.

We aren't ignorant of the definition—we are aware of the rhetorical trick. We put the definition on our home page as a defense against that dirty trick the evolutionists typically use.

THE TRICK EXPOSED

Here's how the evolutionists' dirty trick works, step by step.

First, they define "evolution" to mean "nothing more than variation produced by natural selection."

Second, they produce valid evidence that breeding produces variation in species. Creationists can't (and don't want to) refute this evidence. Variation caused by breeding is a scientific fact that creationists not only accept, but depend upon for their argument that Noah's Ark was big enough to hold all the animals. Noah only needed one pair of horses, not a stable filled with Clydesdales, mustangs, thoroughbreds, quarter horses, etc.

Third, they insist that since "evolution is nothing more than variation produced by natural selection" and "evolution is a fact," it must be included in public school science textbooks.

Fourth, (here's the tricky part) the "evolution" they claim is a fact includes much more than natural selection. Any high school or college textbook that has a section on "evolution" includes a few paragraphs on abiogenesis in that section, as if abiogenesis is part of evolution, and therefore "a fact."⁶

Granted, the text books generally include some weasel words to the effect that scientists don't know exactly how life began through a purely natural process; but just because they don't know how it happened doesn't mean it didn't happen; and everybody knows "evolution is a fact," so it must have happened.

We've talked about the definition of evolution before,⁷ but since it keeps coming up, it was worth explaining it again.

THREAD 2 – AN INDEX

Dylan brought up a very valid point about indexing our articles. He was specifically

⁶ Disclosure, June 2007, "Evolution and Abiogenesis", <http://www.scienceagainstevolution.org/v11i9e.htm>

⁷ Disclosure, March 2011, "Evolution Definition", <http://scienceagainstevolution.info/v15i6e.htm>, Disclosure, May 2009, "Why Evolution is False", <http://www.scienceagainstevolution.org/v13i8f.htm>

concerned about an index for the references; I've had a similar (but larger) concern for several years. Following our exchange, I want to address this topic further.

I wrote:

Over the years, the web site has grown to over 650 articles. That admittedly makes it difficult to search. That's why we have search boxes on the main page and topics page.

We've never thought about extracting all the references from all the footnotes and putting them in a list. I'm not sure a list of several hundred references would be helpful, unless we sorted them by subject somehow. Most of the peer-reviewed references are from Science, Nature, or PNAS, which you can't read unless you pay to subscribe. If you pay to subscribe, then you can search those journals directly for whatever subject you care about.

If you are arguing with a friend about any one of our articles, the footnotes at the end of the article are the only relevant references. So, unless you can convince me that I am missing something, and that such a list would be useful, I don't think we will spend the time to make a list of all the peer-reviewed references we have ever cited over the past 15 years.

Dylan responded:

When I wrote you my last email, I had not truly explored your website and I was just impressed with the message and the philosophical arguments why evolution cannot be correct. Since then I have read through the site more thoroughly to learn more about the inconsistencies of the theory however I am still having trouble finding peer reviewed articles that contradict evolutionary theory. I can see now why indexing the peer reviewed references separate from the articles would be a HUGE pain although I still believe that it would be an invaluable resource to spread knowledge. I do have access to scientific journals as I work as a lab technician at a university so that is not an issue and I am thrilled to learn that your sources are from 3 of the most well respected journals. You asked me to convince you that such a list was needed and perhaps my own personal search is not a good reason however there may be many others like me and I have never seen such a list anywhere so to make the first (or at least the first that can be found easily with a Google search "proof evolution is false") would be a great step in encouraging people to think critically about theories before accepting them as fact. I have always believed that the only way to fight ignorance is with knowledge and peer review is the best weapon so why not make it available?

Thank you for your prompt response and keep up the good work,
Dylan

I think Dylan and I aren't exactly on the same page. I think (and I could be wrong) that Dylan wants a list of peer-reviewed articles that say,

"The theory of evolution is false." That list cannot be written because the peer-reviewed articles don't say that in so many words. If they did, they would not get published. Instead, they say, "This PORTION of the theory of evolution WAS PREVIOUSLY INCORRECT, but we have a NEW EXPLANATION that corrects this error." Their new explanation isn't really correct either—there just hasn't been time to show that it is wrong, too! But, refutation of the new explanation is sure to come. It always does.

So, the Holy Grail that Dylan is looking for (that is, a list of peer-reviewed articles disproving the entire theory of evolution—with or without including abiogenesis) doesn't exist. In creationist literature, there are a few wrecking balls that demolish the entire theory; but the peer-reviewed literature consists of countless hammers and chisels that chip away at little pieces of the theory. Eventually the theory will be completely chipped away by these peer-reviewed articles; but it hasn't happened yet.

ORGANIZATION

Dylan's email presents the opportunity to discuss a troubling issue, and ask for your help.

Our web site continues to grow much more than anticipated 15 years ago. With more than 650 articles, there's just too much information than we can reasonably expect people to read. Therefore, we need to make it easier for readers to find the information they need.

The second thing we failed to anticipate 15 years ago is the fact that some people will want to read our articles on their cell phones! Fortunately, our "no frills" approach, designed to make our web site accessible to people with dial-up connections, also makes it easy for cell phones to display the articles.

So, we want to find a better way to index the information that is consistent with our no frills approach. We are open to your suggestions.

In 2003, we presented a five-night series titled "Evolution Exposé" which was organized as a general introduction followed by four specific nights titled, "Biology Against Evolution", "Chemistry Against Evolution", "Geology Against Evolution", and "Engineering Against Evolution". Perhaps we should create an index organized along those lines (and include "Astronomy Against Evolution", too).

If you have any suggestions for improving our index, we would be glad to hear them.

DISTRUST OF SCIENCE

A misleading report says conservatives don't believe in science.

This news item caught our eye:

Just over 34 percent of conservatives had confidence in science as an institution in 2010, representing a long-term decline from 48 percent in 1974, according to a paper being published today in *American Sociological Review*.

That represents a dramatic shift for conservatives, who in 1974 were more likely than liberals or moderates (all categories based on self-identification) to express confidence in science. While the confidence levels of other groups in science have been relatively stable, the conservative drop now means that group is the least likely to have confidence in science.⁸

This would seem to indicate that most self-identified conservatives don't believe in science. That's not really true. It would be more accurate to say conservatives are "the least likely to have confidence in reports about science by mainstream journalists." If you actually read the article in the *American Sociological Review*, you will immediately see that the title is, "Politicization of Science in the Public Sphere: A Study of Public Trust in the United States, 1974 to 2010." It isn't about real science. The article is about how liberal journalists try to use pseudo-science to advance a political agenda.

MEDIA DISTRUST

Conservatives don't have confidence in the mainstream (liberal) news media for good reason. They know from personal experience how the media distorts the news to advance their political agenda. Conservatives don't believe journalists who tell them things they know not to be true. Conservatives know that journalists say the conservatives are racist, bigoted homophobes who want to pollute the air and water. Since journalists lie about those things, how can they

⁸ Scott Jaschik, March 29, 2012 - 3:00am, "Conservative Distrust of Science", <http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2012/03/29/study-tracks-erosion-conservative-confidence-science>

believe anything else liberal journalists say? Conservatives know that conservatives do trust science, and are offended by biased liberal reporting that says they don't.

BIASED DEFINITIONS

Conservatives know that liberal journalists say, "science" when they really mean "evolution" or "climate change." Consider this article in the most recent American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) newsletter.

Oklahoma Anti-Science Legislation Fails Again.

After two anti-evolution bills, HB 1551 and SB 1742, died in committee, the same language appeared as an amendment to another bill, HB 2341, which would have extended a deadline for local school districts to meet standards for media, equipment and textbooks. The deadline for the legislature to consider that bill has now passed. Whether further amendments of this nature will appear in other bills, however, remains to be seen. The Oklahoma legislative session is scheduled to end on May 25 (more background appears [here](#)).⁹

The title says, "Anti-Science Legislation" but the bill doesn't prohibit the teaching of chemistry, math, or physics. It is anti-evolution legislation, not anti-science legislation; but liberals would like you to believe they are the same thing.

The link at the end of the AAAS article goes to an article title, "Antiscience effort falters in Oklahoma"¹⁰ written by the left-wing political pressure group we wrote about in a recent newsletter (the NCSE).¹¹

The Oklahoma legislation seeks to improve science education by making sure that students are fully informed about the pros and cons of the theory of evolution, but is called "anti-science."

FACTS AND OPINIONS

Opinions are conclusions based on facts—but if the facts are known to be wrong, the conclusions can't be trusted.

Conservatives don't trust the opinions of liberal journalists because the opinions are often based on "facts" that conservatives know to be false. It doesn't matter if the liberal journalists are honestly mistaken, or consciously lying. They have lost all credibility.

⁹ AAAS Policy Alert -- May 9, 2012

¹⁰ <http://ncse.com/news/2012/04/antiscience-effort-falters-oklahoma-007317>

¹¹ *Disclosure*, February 2012, "Is the Battle Over?", <http://scienceagainstevolution.info/v16i5f.htm>

Here's a recent example: Rush Limbaugh made some remarks about a woman named Sandra Fluke. Opinions may vary about whether or not these remarks were accurate or justified—that's not the issue. Liberal commentators are certainly free to disagree with what Rush thinks. We aren't taking any position as to whether what he said was right or wrong. **We are only interested in how the liberal media reported what he said.**

Conservatives who listened to the Rush Limbaugh program know what he said, and they know what liberal commentators said he said, and don't believe that Limbaugh's comments were reported accurately. Believing that Limbaugh's comments were reported inaccurately, why would conservatives believe anything else those liberal journalists say?

Of course, it is true that what Rush said, and how he said it, could be interpreted differently by different people. The liberal journalists were (rightly or wrongly) reporting their opinion about what Rush said. Fair enough. They are entitled to express their opinions.

The liberal journalists also encouraged advertisers to boycott the Rush Limbaugh show. There's nothing wrong with that, either.

But then **MSNBC identified many advertisers who had pulled their ads** (including NBC). **Conservatives who listen to Rush Limbaugh knew this was false because they heard for themselves that some of those advertisers were still advertising** during the Rush Limbaugh program. (NBC ran 3 ads for the premier of *Fashion Star* the next day.) Who should the conservatives believe—the journalists or their own ears? **The list of advertisers who had pulled their advertising was factually incorrect.** Opinions based on incorrect facts are not valid.

Just before this newsletter went to press, there was an article about the boycott in a radio industry trade journal. It said,

Cumulus carries Rush Limbaugh 38 markets and blames 1% of the 3.5% drop in revenue for the quarter on the Rush boycott.¹²

So, the truth is that Rush lost 1% of his sponsorship because of the boycott. It isn't surprising that conservatives didn't notice that 1 out of 100 commercials on the Rush Limbaugh program were missing. **But the 1% decrease wasn't the tremendous backlash the journalists reported,** either. The journalists were guilty of

¹² *Radio Ink Magazine*, 7 May 2012, "Cumulus lost millions on Rush Limbaugh boycott", <http://www.radioink.com/Article.asp?id=2451234&spi=24698>

exaggerating the boycott, especially in light of the fact that **Rush only lost 1% during a miserable quarter when all the other Cumulus radio programs combined lost 2.5%.**

WHO DO YOU DISTRUST?

Let's make this perfectly clear. **Conservatives don't distrust science—they distrust what journalists say about science because journalists have lost credibility by reporting "facts" conservatives know from personal experience to be false.** Furthermore, the theory of evolution is a philosophical explanation of how life began and diversified—not real science.

Conservatives don't question Newton's laws of motion, or Maxwell's equations, or the chemical reactions that power rockets. They question speculation about evolution and climate change when reported as "science" by people with an obvious political agenda and disregard for the truth.

About Us

THE WIZARD OF OOZE ON RADIO

KRSF turned our parody into a radio drama.

One of my personal favorite articles is our April, 2001, parody *The Wizard of Ooze*,¹³ in which Dorothy goes to see the Wizard to find out how life evolved from primeval ooze. Shortly after it was published, someone asked us permission to turn it into a puppet show. We gladly gave them permission, but we don't know if they ever actually did it or not. We hope they did, but wish they would have told us.

We are pleased to announce **that radio station KRSF turned our parody into a radio drama** and broadcast it on their local program, *The Word With Us*, on February 19, 2012. You can listen to it on their program archives page using this link: <http://krsf.net/mp3s/TWWU120219.mp3>.

YOUTUBE, TOO?

If you would like to take the next step, and **turn the radio broadcast into a YouTube video**, you have the permission of Science Against Evolution and KRSF to do so. Our only request is that you **give credit to Science Against Evolution and KRSF**, and send us the link to the video when you do.

¹³ *Disclosure*, April 2001, "The Wizard of Ooze", <http://scienceagainstevolution.info/v5i7f.htm>

EVOLUTION FACTS

<http://evolutionfacts.blogspot.com/>

“Exposing the public to just the scientific facts without the spin”

This month’s web site review looks at a site that seeks to educate and inspire the reader with factual scientific research about the debate regarding creation and evolution. The site has many links to the actual scientific research and numerous audio and video clips.

The site is actually a blog and is organized into two primary parts when viewing with your web browser. **The site recommends that you use the Opera browser to view the information of the site. Other browsers might not work.**

On the left part of the blog post, about two-thirds of the web page, you will find a fairly linear discussion of numerous topics. Here you find an introduction section that outlines why the blog author has written and collected all the material for this site. The right side of the blog post is a more interactive part of the presented web page that provides scrolling links to many different topics under captions such as INTRIGUING LINKS and NOW LISTENS TO the latest RESEARCH FROM an ever growing number of MODERN SCIENTISTS.

There is much to explore on this site. If you follow just some of many links presented you could spend many days trying to absorb all the material. Just scrolling through all the material on the web site will take quite a bit of time.

Some of the topics presented include 1) Why I am Not an Atheist, 2) Evidence Link #1: What Darwin Didn’t Know, 3) Evidence Link #2: Evidence for Design is Evidence for a Designer, 4) The Biochemical Challenge to Evolution, 5) Evidence from Physics, 6) The Case for a Creator, 7) Beyond the Big Bang, 8) The Evidence from Biochemistry and Nature, and many, many more.

You just have to explore both parts of the blog and I am sure you will find much material that can help you to better understand why the controversy and debate between creation and evolution is still very active today. The many video and audio clips are very interesting and you could spend many days just viewing and listening to them.



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