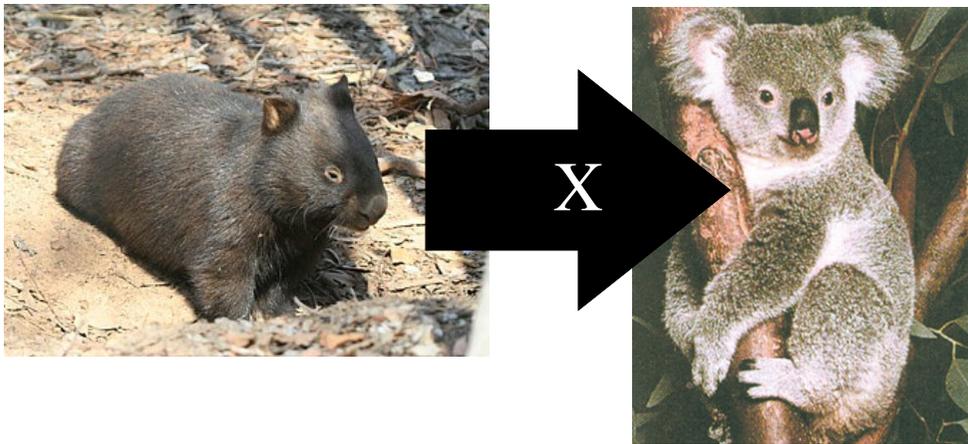


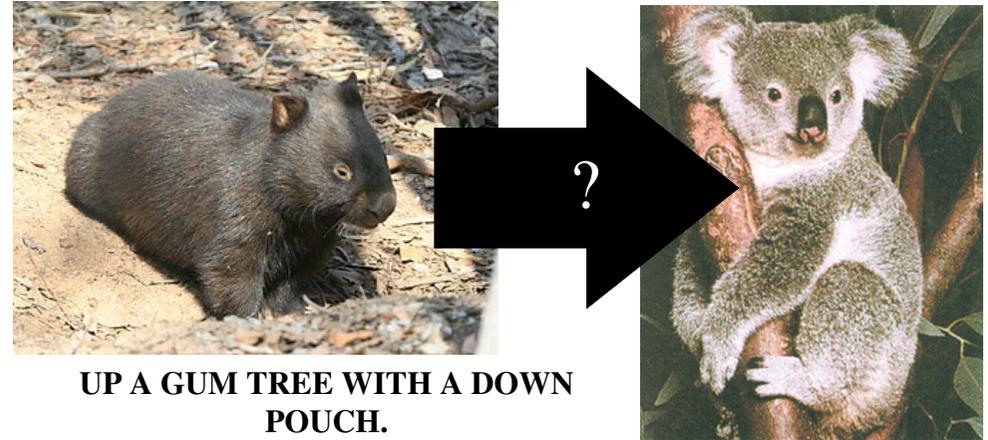
with front facing pouch, so that the wombat pouch does not fill with dirt while it digs burrows. But evolution has not been able to do the reverse when the wombat evolved into a tree climbing Koala.

He ignores the fact that a back facing pouch is also a good idea for a gum tree climber. Koalas have short legs, so when they climb trees their abdomens are close to the surface of the tree, if not actually scraping it. If the koala pouch opened upwards the pouch would collect bark and other detritus as the koala moved about the tree. When they are not moving (which is most of the time) they sit, well supported, in forks of trees, rather than spending their time "clinging to tree trunks". And lastly the koala pouch is well equipped with a strong muscle around the opening to keep it closed so the babies are not in danger of falling out, Dawkins should consider the whole animal, including its behaviour, not just one feature when assessing what is good and bad design. (Ref. marsupials, mammals, reproduction)



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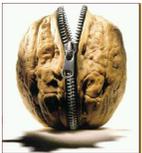


UP A GUM TREE WITH A DOWN
POUCH.

Dawkins notes that the koala pouch "opens downwards, instead of upwards as in a kangaroo." This is "not a good idea in an animal that spends its time clinging to tree trunks." Dawkins' explanation for this apparent anomaly is: "Koalas are descended from a wombat like ancestor. Wombats are champion diggers." He then goes on to explain that it has not been possible for evolution to change the back facing wombat pouch into a forward facing one. Dawkins suggests "the embryological upheaval attendant on such a major change would render the intermediates even worse off than the koala coping with the existing state of affairs." (Dawkins, *Greatest Show*, pp 369-370)

JOHN MACKAY comments. Since us Aussies who live with Koalas in our backyards don't ever worry about "drop bears" hitting us on the heads when we walk under gum trees, perhaps some local knowledge will help. It is obvious that Dawkins' faith in evolution as the explanation for all things is rather limited as he is able to believe evolution could turn the wombat pouch around when it was evolving from a possum-like creature

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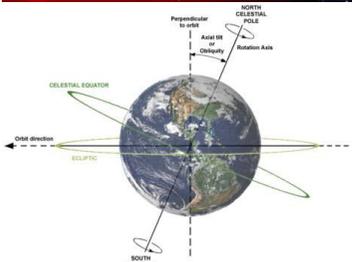
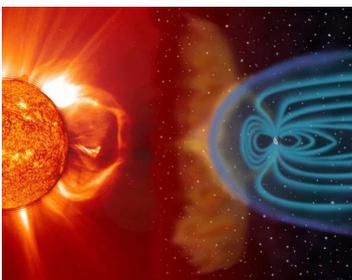
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Creation Proofs II

Last time and today we consider 6 proofs of creation:

1. God DID create
2. All do reproduce after their kind
3. The earth has changed alright: for the worse]

4. The earth was _____ as our _____, Genesis 1:1, 31 2:1-9



(Job 7:17) *"What is man, that You should exalt him, That You should set Your heart on him,"*

(Psalms 8:4-8) *"What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him? {5} For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor. {6} You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet, {7} All sheep and oxen; Even the beasts of the field, {8} The birds of the air, And the fish of the sea That pass through the paths of the seas."*

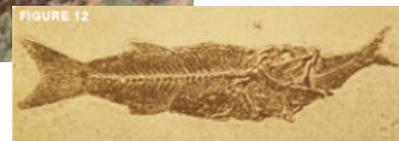
(Hebrews 2:6-9) *"But one testified in a certain place, saying: "What is man that You are mindful of him, Or the son of man that You take care of him? {7} You have made him a little lower than the angels; You have crowned him with glory and honor, And set him over the works of Your hands. {8} You have put all things in subjection under his feet." For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him. {9} But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for*

everyone."

5. There was a _____, Genesis 7:1-2, 5-7, 10-12, 17-21

(2 Peter 3:5-7) *"For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, {6} by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water.*

{7} *But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men."*



6. The earth is _____, Genesis 5:3, 6, 12:4



(Romans 1:18-20) *"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, {19} because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. {20} For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,"*

(Hebrews 10:31) *"It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."*

(Romans 10:9) *"that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."*

