

Quote: “Two potential difficulties for Darwin’s theory involved the age of the Earth and gaps in the fossil record. Data collected since Darwin’s time have answered those concerns and **have provided dramatic support for an evolutionary view of life**”. [emphasis added]

Question: What about the Cambrian explosion? Is that consistent with an evolutionary view of life? Do the earliest Cambrian fossils contain complex vertebrates? (Yes)

Does this mean that vertebrates have not evolved from invertebrates?

### **The Fossil Record Does Not support Common Descent**

As we observe the rock strata deep down at the bottom of the fossil record, we find a sudden appearance of diverse animals, called the “Cambrian Explosion,” with no trace of ancestors.

The fossils in Cambrian strata are a tremendous array of complex marine invertebrates. Below the Cambrian rocks, almost no fossils are found (except algae, bacteria and plant pollen), none of which appear to be related to the Cambrian creatures.

*Scientific American*, November 1992 described the Cambrian fossils as “Evolutionary biology’s deepest paradox,” including the fact that in rock layers above the Cambrian, no new or different body plans appear. This is not predicted by evolution theory.

All major body plans are represented, with an extreme lack of diversity within phyla. We find trilobites and other arthropods, nautiloids, jellyfish, sponges, mollusks, and squid. And most surprisingly, in the Cambrian layers we find a jawless fish (vertebrate) which is theorized by evolutionists to be the ancestor of all vertebrates, with no visible ancestor (see *Mylokunmingia*, <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vertebrate>)

Since vertebrates have no ancestor, neither do we! (Because we are vertebrates.)

Here’s a quote from an honest evolutionist, Alfred Romer about the Cambrian Explosion:

“The general picture could reasonably be said to be consistent with the idea of special creation [sudden appearance of all phyla] at the beginning of Cambrian times.”

-*Natural History*, October 1993

“No real evolutionist, whether gradualist or punctuated equilibrium uses the fossil record as evidence in favor of evolution as opposed to special creation.”

-Mark Riddely, *New Scientist* V. 90, 25 June 1981, p.831