



# In the Beginning

A study of Genesis Chapters 1 - 11

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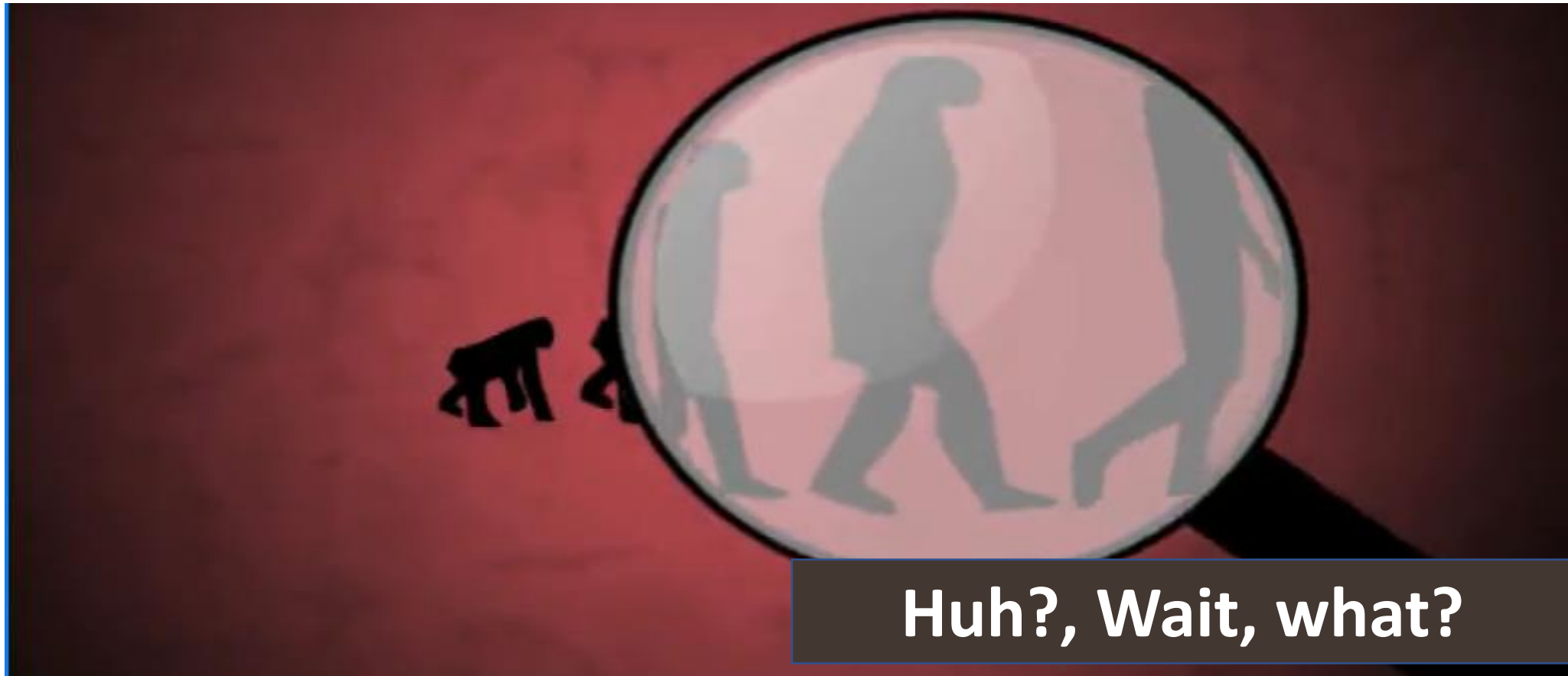
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**These next slides offer scientific evidence that refutes the pseudo-science that concludes that mankind evolved from some lower life form.**



A modern day fable – “science has proven evolution, therefore evolution is true”.



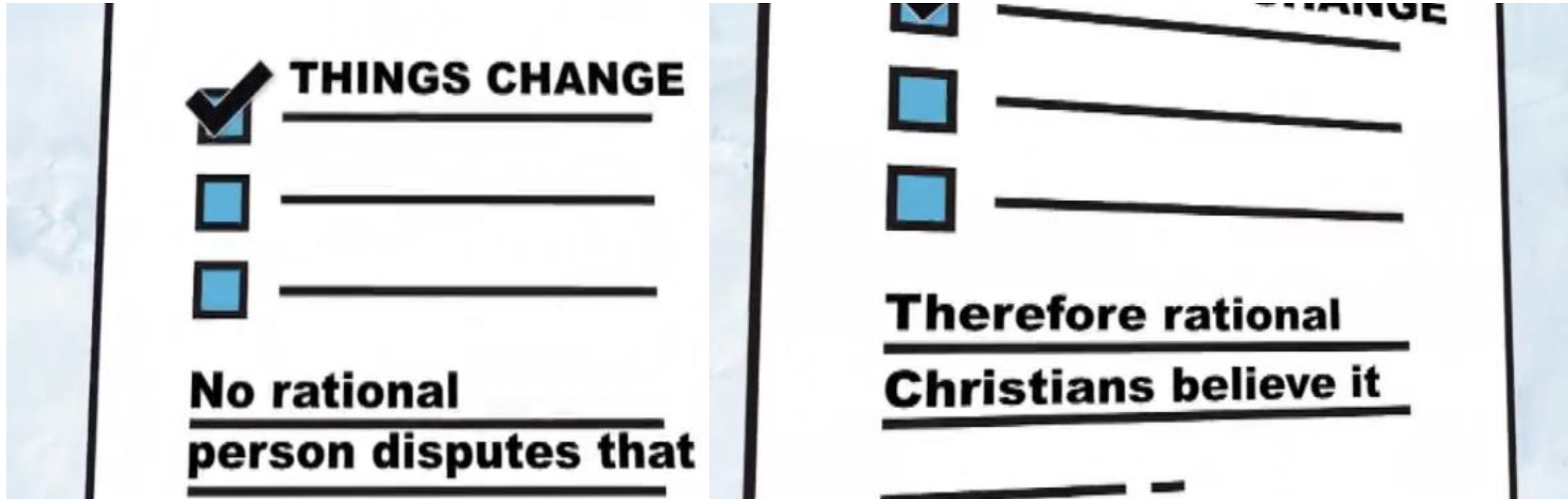
Huh?, Wait, what?



Ergo, since evolution is true, and Christians don't believe it, then Christians don't believe science.



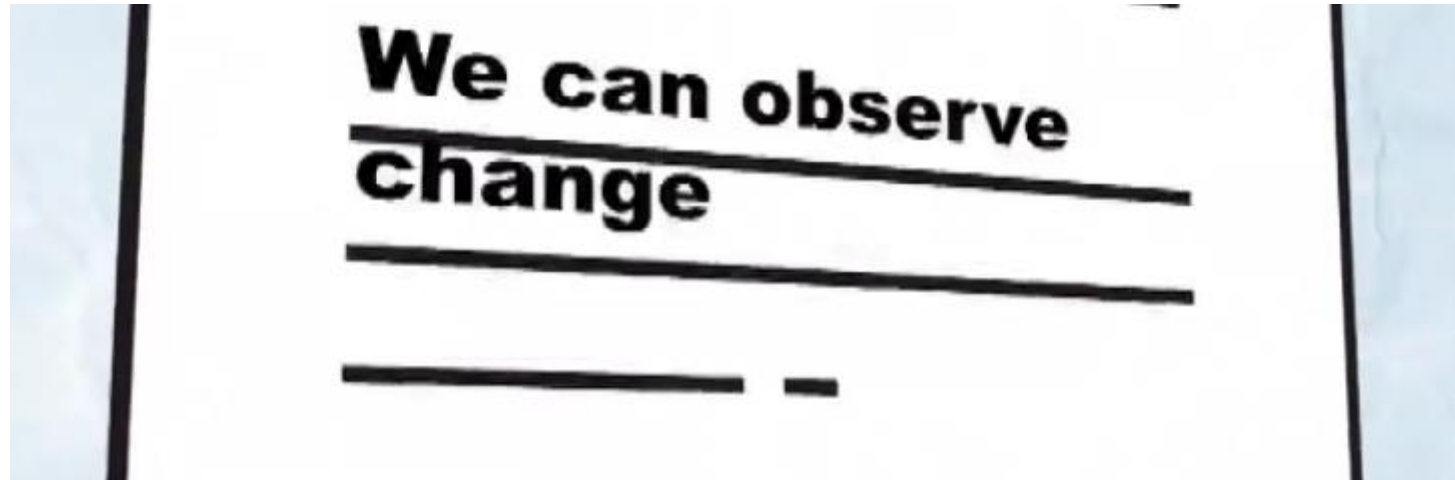
But the truth is - evolution, in the sense that things change is evident, and no rational person disputes that. Therefore, rational Christians believe in science.



**We believe science when it does not conflict with the Bible.**



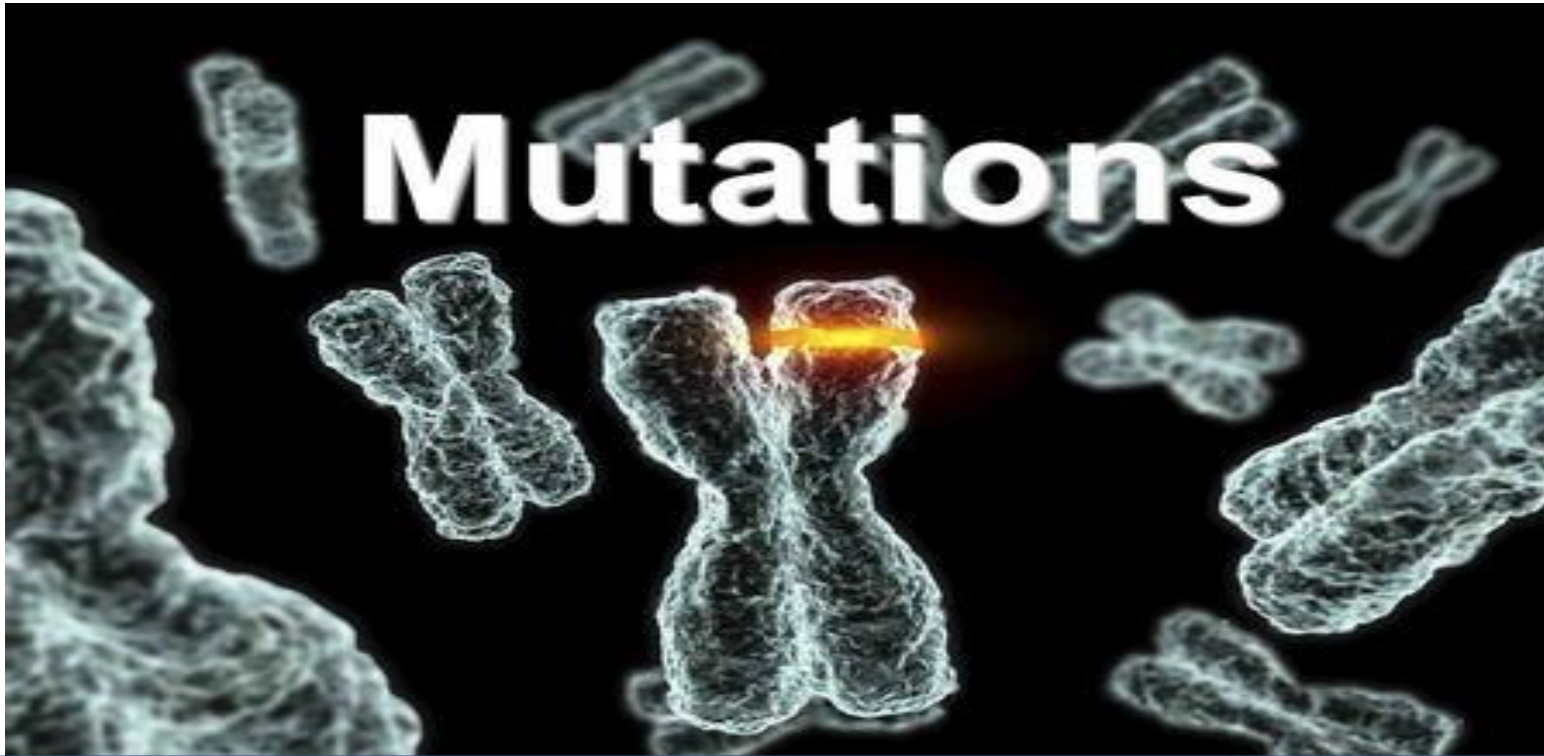
**We can observe change ... Scientific observations lend themselves to sound science.**



**Change can occur through genetic mutations but the problem is genetic mutations are always downward ... in genetic mutations we lose features and functions.**



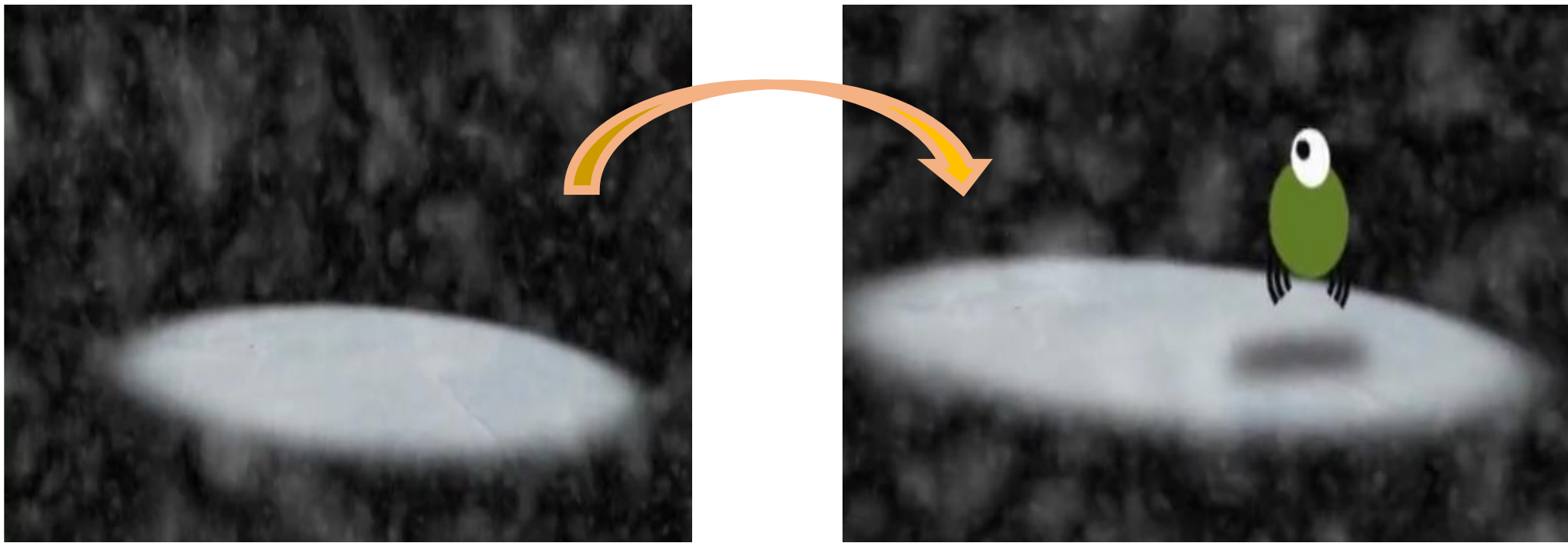
Mutations are genetic copying errors.



Mutations cause extinction, not evolution

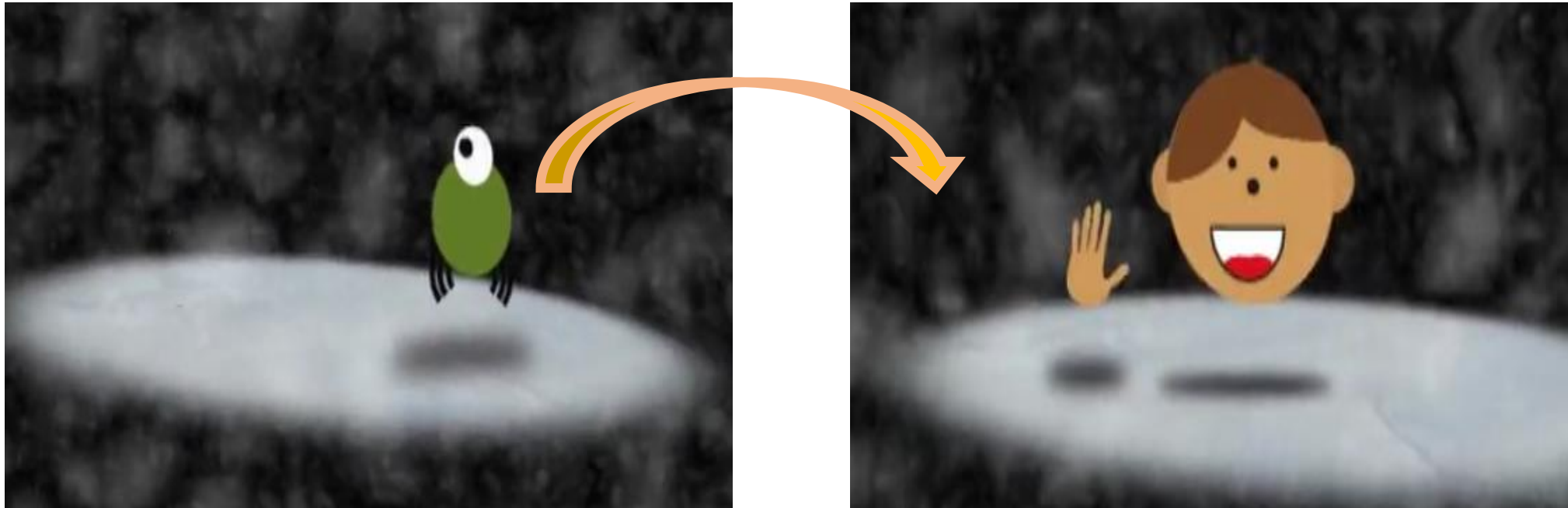


Evolution in the sense that life came from non-life and then that new life began to randomly change and produce new life forms .....





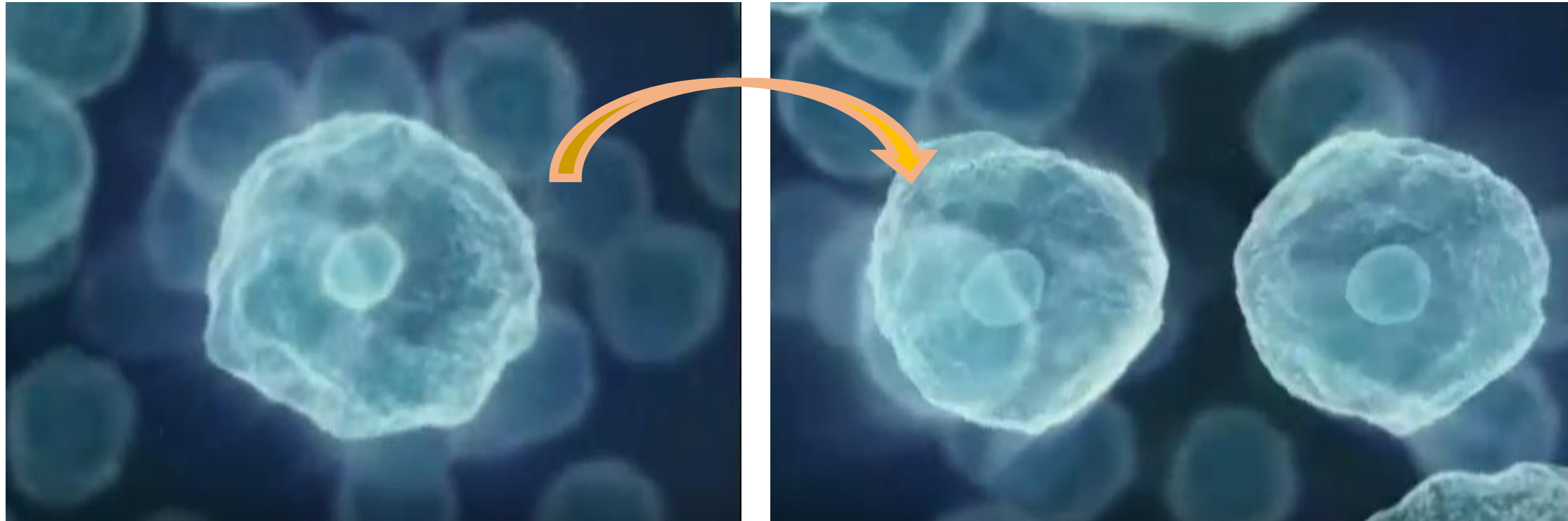
And then those new life forms, after many changes produced humans, is not supported by science.



**There is no evidence for lower life forms evolving.**



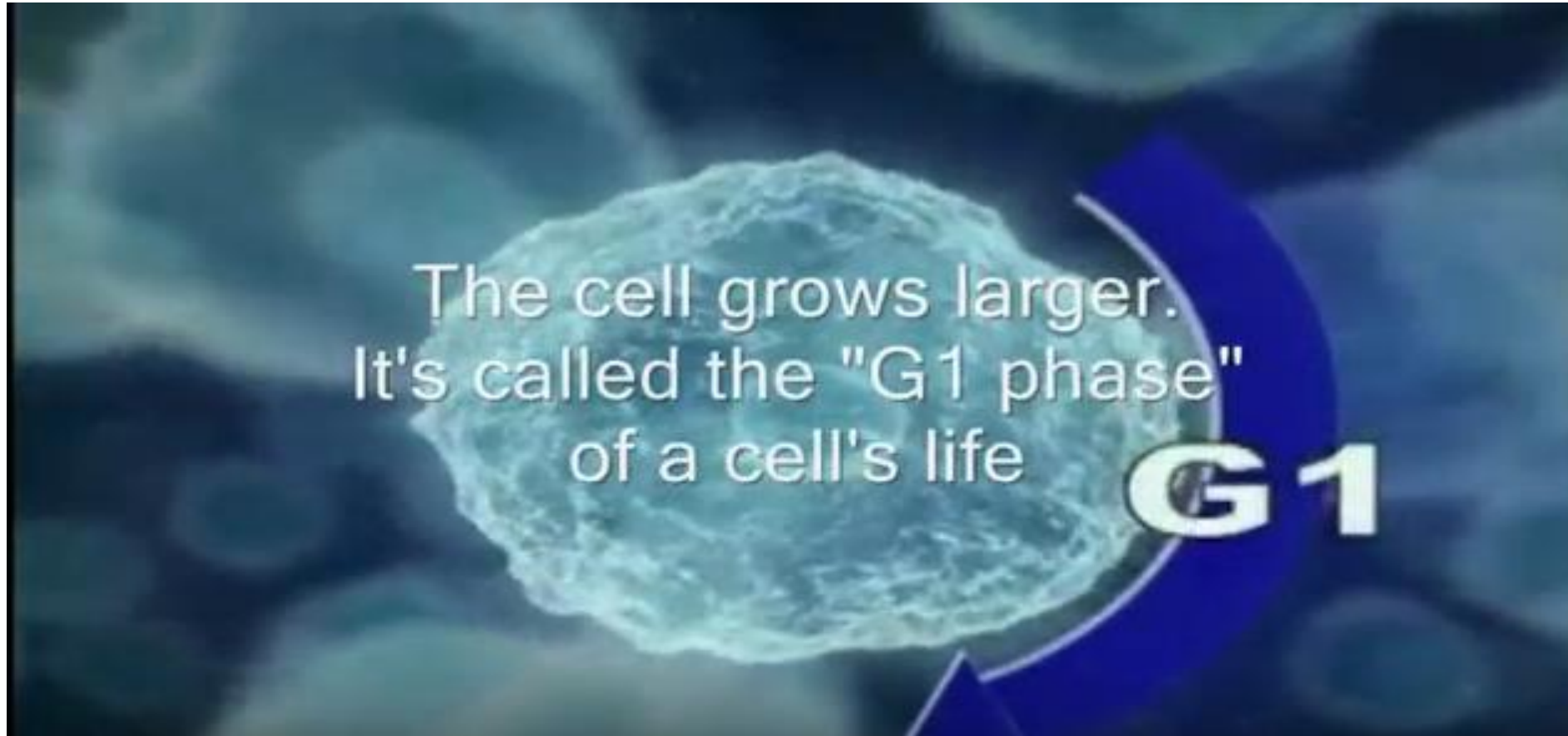
The reason why evolution, as is commonly taught today, is refuted by science is due to what we have learned about cell division and how DNA is copied.



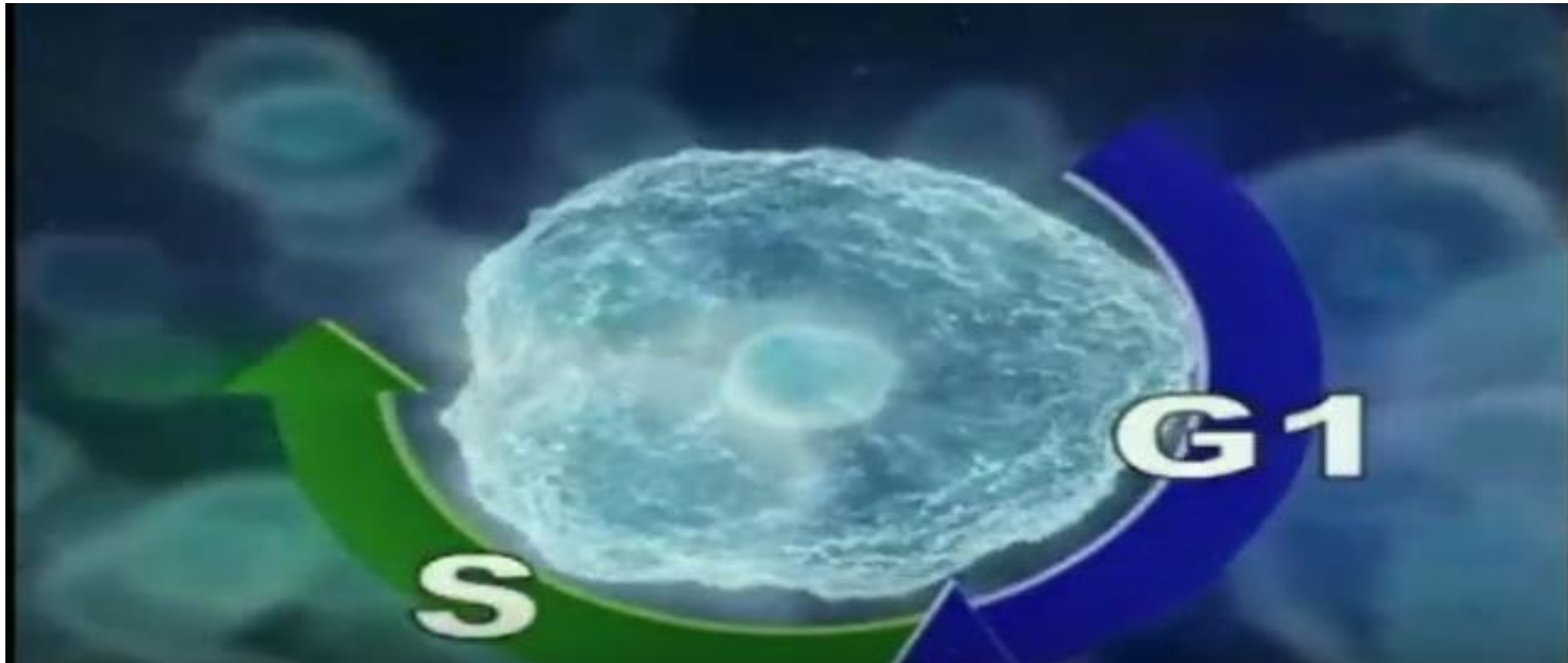
It begins with a chemical signal to prepare for reproduction.



The cell actually grows larger, this is called the G1 phase of the cell's life.



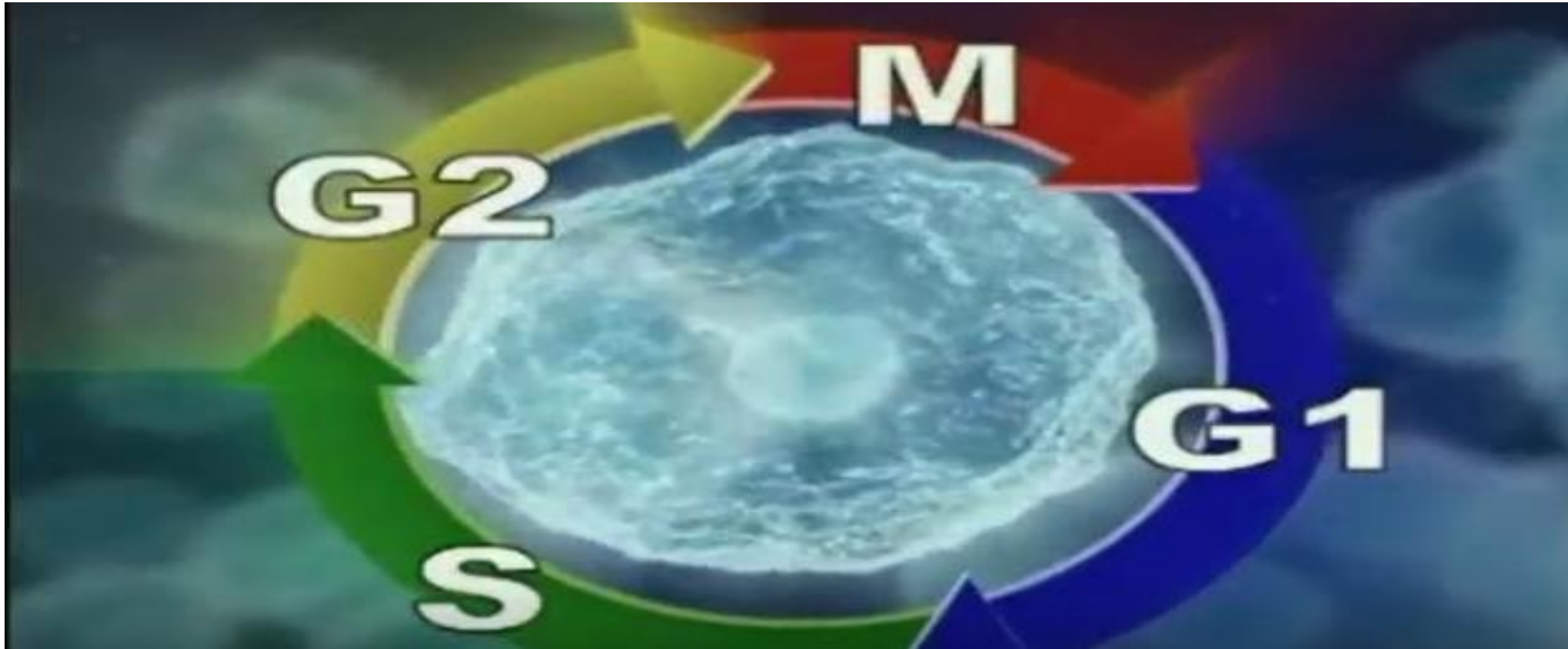
After enlarging, the cell duplicates its DNA. This is called the 'S' phase of the cell's life cycle.



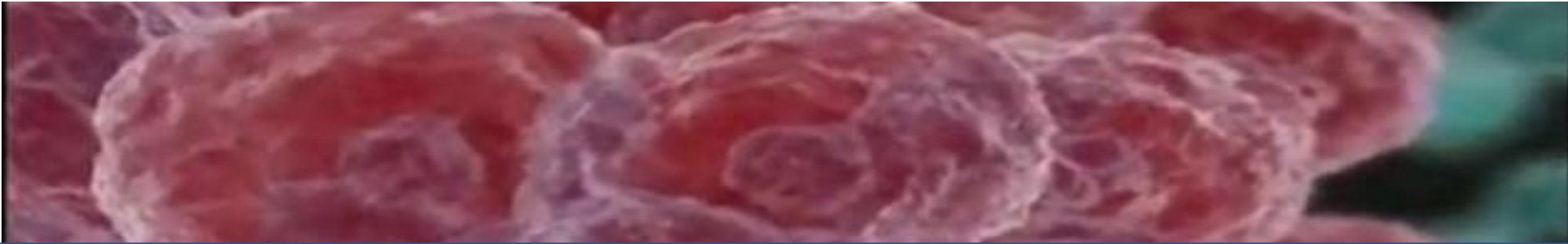
The cell is then checked for mistakes by various enzymes and, if necessary, repaired. This is the “G2” phase of the cell’s life cycle.



When ready, cell division begins – this is called “mitosis”.



# And the cells divide ....



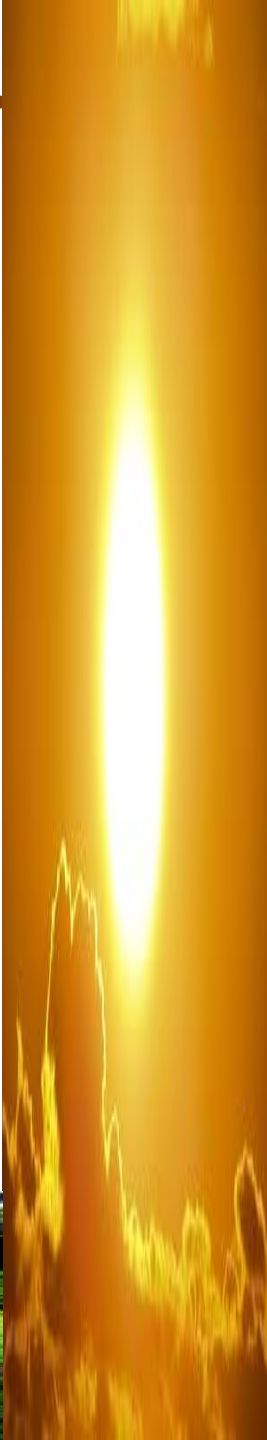
**And divide, and divide, divide continuously ....**



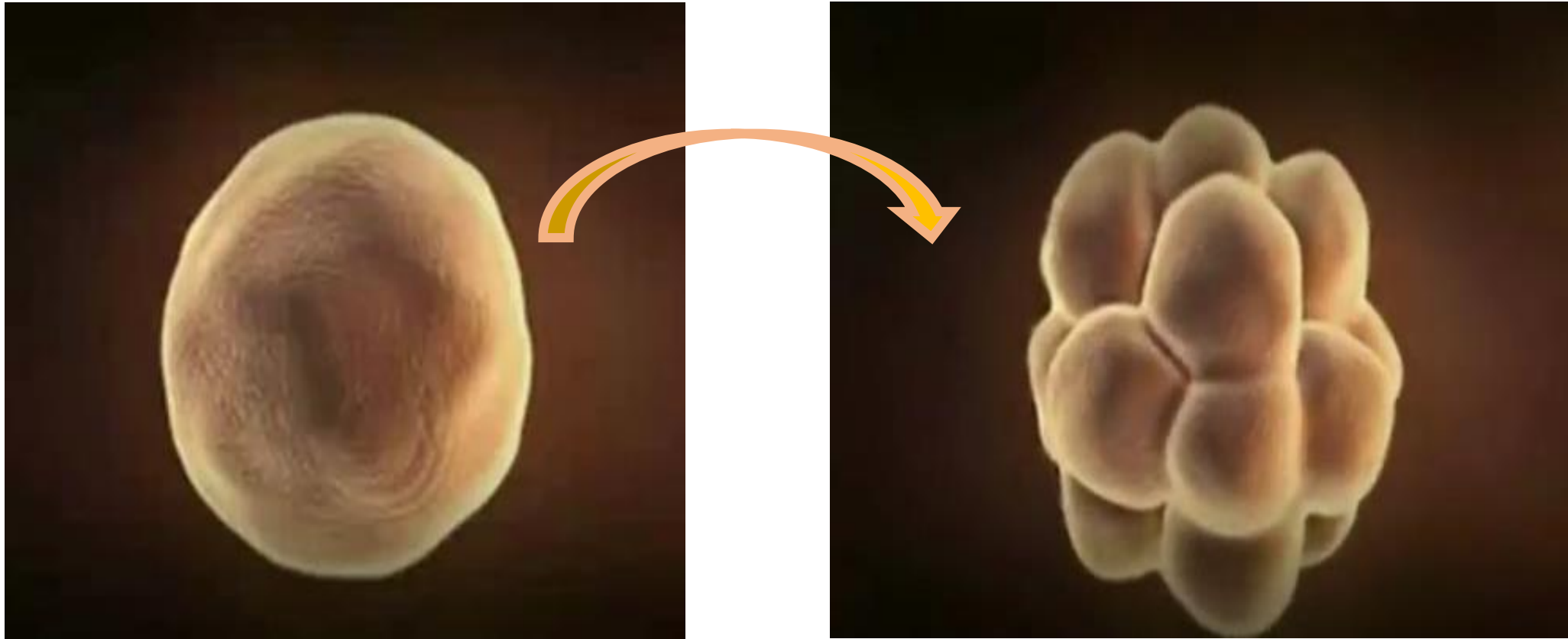


# From Arizona State University School of Life Sciences

- Cells regulate their division by communicating with each other using chemical signals from special proteins called cyclins. These signals act like switches to tell cells when to start dividing and later when to stop dividing. It is important for cells to divide so you can grow and so your cuts heal. It is also important for cells to stop dividing at the right time. If a cell can not stop dividing when it is supposed to stop, this can lead to a disease called cancer.
- Some cells, like skin cells, are constantly dividing. We need to continuously make new skin cells to replace the skin cells we lose. Did you know we lose 30,000 to 40,000 dead skin cells every minute? That means we lose around 50 million cells every day. This is a lot of skin cells to replace, making cell division in skin cells is so important. Other cells, like nerve and brain cells, divide much less often.



We all started out as a single cell and divided, and divided, and divided....



And in just a few short weeks, what started as a single cell grows ....



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- Because of what we know about cell division, the copying of DNA, and the “check and repair” process of the copying process, evolution becomes impossible.
- Without the addition of new “code” (information) there can be no addition of new features and functions.
- Through the reproductive process of humans and animals we get variations within a “kind”, but there is zero evidence of one kind becoming a new one.



# From Answers in Genesis .....

I have been saying, perhaps too often, that the weight of evidence points to “variation within the created kinds.” Do I really mean that all the tremendous variety we see today was built right into the created kinds? Could there be enough variation in two created human beings, for example, to produce all the variation among human beings we see today?

Answer: “Yes, indeed; no problem!” I get some help here from an unexpected source, evolutionist Francisco Ayala.<sup>1</sup> He says that human beings are “heterozygous” for 6.7 percent of their genes on the average. That means that 6 or 7 times in 100, the pair of genes for a given trait differ, like the genes for free or attached ear lobes, or for rolling or not rolling the tongue. Now this may not seem like much, but Ayala calculates a single human couple with just “6.7 percent variety” could produce  $10^{2017}$  children (mathematically, not physically!) before they would run out of variation and have to produce an identical twin. That’s a 1 followed by 2,017 zeroes! The number of atoms in the known universe is a mere  $10^{80}$ , nothing at all compared with the variety that is present in the genes of just two human beings!



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- The wonder of interbreeding - what about wolves and dogs, can they mate and produce offspring? Yes, this has happened, but their offspring are always sterile.
- When the offspring of two of the same “kind” are able to reproduce, that proves the parents are of the same kind.
- An Irish Setter and a English Labrador may breed and produce longer haired, reddish colored pups, but the pups are still dogs. (no new genetic information was added)



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- The right question to ask at this point is this – “if copied cells are exact duplications of themselves, then how do we go from a single cell at conception to cells for arms, legs, eyes, ears, kidneys, and so on?”
- The answer is in the genetic coding that instructs one cell to do job “a” and another cell to do job “b”.
- They are all cells with the same DNA coding, but the instructions in the coding determines what each cell’s role will be.



This a real life example of a computer program.

```
0198: *-----*
--*
0199: CHECK.LINE.ITEMS: * Check whether any of the Line Items we came in here
0200:                    * with were returned...
0201:
0202:                    LD.CT = DCOUNT(LDIDS,SVM)
0203:
```

989 lines of code in one simple program to manage returned materials.  
If you change any line of the code, the result of the program changes.

```
0208:                    PN    = LD(1)
0209:
0210:                    IF NOT(NUM(PN)) OR PN(=)' THEN CONTINUE
0211:
0212:                    *** Since Sales Order Quantities are STORED as a negative
```

I am not a scientist, but it seems to me that our DNA coding works very much like this computer program – and God did the coding!

```
0217:                    *** If this isn't a return then skip it...
0218:                    IF QTY <= 0 THEN CONTINUE
0219:
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This is where scientists got the idea of genetic engineering because if I can isolate the line of code that controls eye color, maybe I can re-code it.

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0199: CHECK.LINE.ITEMS: * Check whether any of the Line Items we came in here
0200:                   * with were returned...
0201:
0202:         LD.CT = DCOUNT(LDIDS,SVM)
0203:
0204:         FOR LDN = 1 TO LD.CT
0205:             LDID = LDIDS<1,1,LDN>
0206:             *** Load our LD array...
0207:             LD.GET LDID
0208:             PN    = LD(1)
0209:
0210:             IF NOT(NUM(PN)) OR PN = '' THEN CONTINUE
0211:
0212:             *** Since Sales Order Quantities are STORED as a negative
0213:             *** value, then we know that an Item Qty with a positive
0214:             *** value is a Return...
0215:             QTY = SUM(LD(5)<1,GEN>) + SUM(LD(6)<1,GEN>)
0216:
0217:             *** If this isn't a return then skip it...
0218:             IF QTY <= 0
0219:                 THEN CONTINUE
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- Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.
- I would like to just breeze by this as it is written, but if we do you may run into opposition that thinks you are poorly informed and ignorant.
- Why? Because the words “formless and void” sound much more sinister in the Hebrew.



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- “formless and void” is the English translation of the Hebrew words, “tohu wa bohu” – and these words are used to describe a chaotic wasteland and something that was ruined.
- Wow, this is the opening statement of God’s book and He begins by stating that what He made was a chaotic wasteland?
- Does He really open with saying His creation was in ruin?



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- We will deal with this portion of scripture in two ways that are prevalent views.
- First, the one I would call the classic conservative theological view and then we will look at what has come to be known as the “Gap Theory”.
- The classical view is probably what you’ve been taught and even assumed as you’ve read Genesis 1 for yourself.



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- If you are in the “classic” camp, then, at a minimum, you have to admit that the language calls for an explanation.
- So a classic explanation would be something like, “the earth was unfinished and unpopulated”.
- So in verse #1 God created all matter, but not in the form He will call it to be.



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- God created all matter, God spoke it into existence; but it was undifferentiated, unseparated, unorganized, and uninhabited.
- At this point, the earth is engulfed in water – “The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters.”
- The earth was there, it existed, but to touch the creation was to touch water – all land was covered by the “deep”.



Psalm 104:5 You placed the world on its foundation so it would never be moved.  
6 You clothed the earth with floods of water, water that covered even the mountains.



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- Imagine a potter and a lump of clay – the potter has a grand plan for his lump of clay, in fact, he has all that he needs, he just needs to shape it.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 3:5 They deliberately forget that God made the heavens long ago by the word of his command, and he brought the earth out from the water and surrounded it with water.
- Do you see what Peter said? He brought the earth out of the water and surrounded “it” with water as if to say, “there was once just land mass”.







# World Wall Map

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**Gen 7:11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 3:5 “and he brought the earth out from the water and surrounded it with water.”**



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- Proverbs 8:22 “The Lord possessed me at the beginning of His way, before His works of old. 23 “From everlasting I was established, from the beginning, from the earliest times of the earth. 24 “When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. 25 “Before the mountains were settled, before the hills I was brought forth; 26 While He had not yet made the earth and the fields, nor the first dust of the world. 27 “When He established the heavens, I was there, when He inscribed a circle on the face of the deep, 28 When He made firm the skies above, when the springs of the deep became fixed, 29 When He set for the sea its boundary so that the water would not transgress His command, when He marked out the foundations of the earth; 30 Then I was beside Him, as a master workman;”



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- It would probably be a mistake to assume that in Genesis 1:1 that our planet earth was round – “the earth was formless”.
- Proverbs 8:27 “When He established the heavens, I was there, when He inscribed a circle on the face of the deep.”
- It would seem that His first shaping act had to do with making the earth into a sphere.



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# Questions

