



The Cambrian Explosion - Evidence for Divine Design

The fossil record reveals a startling event known as the Cambrian explosion. Roughly 540 million years ago (according to conventional dating), nearly all the major animal body plans—arthropods, chordates, mollusks, echinoderms, and more—appeared suddenly within a relatively short geological window. This event poses a profound challenge to Darwin’s theory of gradual evolution, which predicts slow, incremental changes over vast periods of time. Instead, the Cambrian record shows abrupt innovation and complexity.

For proponents of Intelligent Design (ID), the Cambrian explosion provides compelling evidence that unguided processes cannot explain life’s complexity. Scripture affirms God’s role: “For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast” (Psalm 33:9). This article explores the Cambrian explosion, why it challenges Darwinian gradualism, and how it points to the wisdom of a Creator.