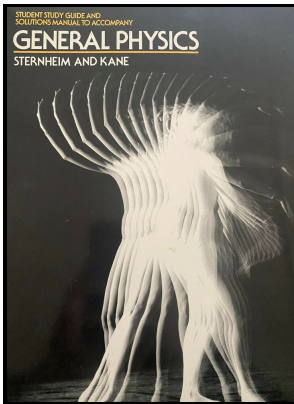


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Or could it be a symplesiomorphy shared primitive character for hominoids that was lost in the orangutan? In contrast, phenetics measures all aspects of similarity among organisms and therefore emphasizes similarities in adaptation. Earth history evidently is not one of gradualistic progression, as Lyell and Darwin averred, but instead a litany of sporadic and spasmodic convulsions. In addition to influencing evolution by shuffling landmasses, plate tectonics can modify the environment within individual continents.

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**SAME STORY, DIFFERENT SEQUENCES** Traditionally, paleoanthropologists have recognized four key events in human evolution: the origin of terrestriality coming to the ground from the trees, bipedality upright walking, encephalization brain expansion in relation to body size, and culture or civilization. The existence of local clocks is, nevertheless, a reality, and they have great utility. Although dinosaurs may be lauded as lords of the land in their time, only humans have been regarded as the inevitable product of evolution indeed, the ultimate purpose of evolution, as we saw in the previous unit.

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Developed in the mid-eighteenth century, the system is still used today. A small percentage of the potassium exists as a radioisotope, potassium-40, which has argon-40 as one of its decay products. On the other hand, a similar mutation in a gene that affects the timing of the program of embryological development might have dramatic consequences for the mature organism.

Two factors are recognized as influencing the evolution of new species and the extinction of existing species. William King Gregory, like his colleague Osborn, argued for terrestriality first, but suggested that the adoption of culture tool use preceded significant brain expansion.

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Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1997. Chimpanzee Orangutan Gorilla Human 1960s—present Orangutan Chimpanzee Gorilla Human 1920s—1960s Chimpanzee Orangutan Gorilla Human Late 1890s—early 1900s Figure 3.

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