

Kevin v Kunal debate on evolution but the judge somehow believes in creationism

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Phase: **Make Argument** Remaining: 10:00

At root

Q
(H)

What explains the origin of the great diversity of plants and animals on Earth?

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Evolution – the concept that organisms' variations are heritable, that variations in ability cause some organisms to produce more offspring on average, and that this disparity causes species to change characteristics and evolve new

D

Creationism is real.

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The idea here is that maybe evolution requires a lot of scientific context that takes many steps to explain that are not entirely obvious at first, whereas creationism has a simple explanation to the judge. The judge has this singular incorrect belief but otherwise is a rational Bayesian person who will make updates as needed. The idea is that you could replace "creationism" here with any idea that humanity holds right now that is flawed in some way but nonobvious.

[Let's also assume that the judge doesn't have knowledge of any concepts of evolution and natural selection, but knows about basic logic and descriptive biology. Maybe they just believe that said biology was just an extension of some otherworldly being's will.]

[Creationism = life on Earth was created by God 6,000 years ago.]

[Assumption: we somehow developed debate & computers & AI in 1830, before any published knowledge on evolution.]

Kevin's note after filling out this debate a bit: an easier example to do than evolution would probably be something like

Q

Is there a logical chain of reasoning that leads naturally to natural selection?

H

Yes

D

Perhaps, but there is a also a logical chain of reasoning that leads to

Q

Isn't it true that evolutionary biologists reject written history as stated in numerous texts (see Bible,

H

Yes, but history is not always

D

Yes

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H

Does the question resolve to false only if creationism rejects literally

D

No, we are assuming that creationism has

1 Payment: H ☐ D ☐ None ☒ Recurse

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Q Is there significant evidence contained in the fossil record, carbon dating, etc. to support evolution?

H Yes

D Perhaps, however, there is also adequate creationist explanations to all of these arguments, which show that such

3 Payment: H ☒ D ☐ None ☐ Recurse

Notes DH: I would concede this argument as it's starting to get very concrete if we keep going down the logical chain of arguments. However, if we continue down the chain of circularity, I do believe there is a world in which

Q Is natural selection evolution analogous to several known processes, such as artificial breeding of dogs and genetic

H Yes

D Yes, but this is explained by humans modeling the image of our creator that we were created in. We have also not seen any examples that can reach the complexity of

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Q Isn't it true that Isaac Newton, Carl Linnaeus, and Nicolaus Steno et al., all scientists who helped discover and explain important laws of physics, biology, and geology all believe that

H Yes

D Yes

4 Payment: H ☐ D ☐ None ☒ Recurse

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Q If scientists in the forefront of their scientific applications that directly apply to evidence related to creationism all believe in creationism, isn't it more likely that creationism is a better

H Possibly, but there is strong empirical evidence to think otherwise

D Yes

5 Payment: H ☐ D ☐ None ☒ Recurse

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Q Isn't it true that believing in creationism does not directly reject all modes of science? There is adequate explanation for the fossil records + evidence of happenings according to said

H Yes, but evolution is a simpler

D Yes

6 Payment: ☐ H ☐ D ☒ None

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Q By Occam's razor, is natural selection a simpler theory that explains the diversity of life as well or better than

H Yes

D No, creationism is backed up by several sources. There are also historical and

8 Payment: ☐ H ☐ D ☒ None

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7 Payment: ☐ H ☐ D ☒ None

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Q Is there a historical and logical chain of reasoning that are built of each other that explains creationism as being

H No, as the prevailing theory is not always

D Yes

9 Payment: ☐ H ☐ D ☒ None

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