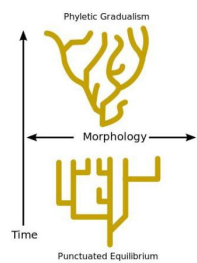


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But if one of the world's top evolutionists were to write those words, he would get away with it. Especially when this eminent evolutionist's name is Stephen Jay Gould. Before his death in 2002, this Harvard professor and Humanist of the Year utterly rejected slow, gradual evolution powered by mutations.

Now think about this for a moment. Gould and his esteemed colleague Niles Eldredge rejected the same neo-Darwinism that creationists reject! Both of these respected evolutionists knew that neo-Darwinism was an emperor with no clothes, so they came up with the punctuated equilibrium theory of evolution. According to Gould and Eldredge, evolution happens by way of sudden, major changes, resulting in the appearance of "hopeful monsters."

Mutations produce only minor variations, said Gould. Experiments that start with flies end up with flies. So he asked: "How can such processes change a gnat or rhinoceros into something fundamentally different?" They can't! Nevertheless, evolutionists will continue to believe in slow, gradual evolution, not because of any evidence but because their godless worldview demands it.

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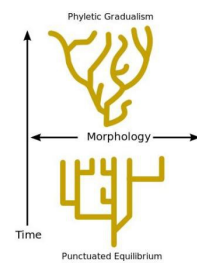
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