

THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

Peppered Moths Again and Again



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and dark moths on light and dark tree trunks had, in fact, been staged. The moths do not normally settle on the trunks, so the photos were taken by gluing dead moths on to the trees.

Nevertheless, teachers continue to perpetuate the peppered moth myth. One evolutionist has stated that this is because the concept of what happened to these moths is easy to understand.

As we have pointed out before, this is not an example of Darwinian evolution, as no new genetic information has been made. It is, however, an example of bad experimental technique, led by a desire to prove a particular outcome, rather than genuine investigation.

It is disturbing, therefore, to look at that portion of the BBC's website where they publish notes for high school students. An up-to-date science review page for students with the heading "Evidence for Evolution" once again publishes the faked moth photos. For us, this constant re-publication of error aptly illustrates the paucity of evolutionary science ... and demonstrates that biblical views of science are supported by facts and not by often-repeated falsehoods.

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