Book Review - The Answers Book Chapter 6 – How Did Bad Things Come About? Review by Greg Neyman



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I was a little bit surprised by this chapter. The authors present no answer to the question posed, but instead puts forth several theories, all of which have major problems. Because of this, there is almost no need to provide a rebuttal for this chapter.

It is interesting to note the teeth issue. John Morris of the Institute for Creation Research has suggested that the carnivorous teeth all developed within a few hundred years after the fall.1 If this is true, then it would have to mean that God created all animals with teeth that were efficient for the processing of plant material. So, imagine this...a Tyrannosaurus Rex with molar teeth...or one of the raptor family with molars. They must have existed, so then, we should have found some in the fossil record. However, nobody has ever discovered a T-rex with molars.

Some may say that they ate plants with their carnivorous teeth. This is even better! Was God's creation perfect? Yes, it was. How could God's creation be perfect, if these animals were given inefficient teeth for chewing on plants? Therefore, in order to maintain God's creation as "perfect," they had to have molars. In fact, no animals would have been created with carnivorous teeth!

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1 "If All Animals Were Created as Plant Eaters, Why Do Some have Sharp Teeth," by John D. Morris, Back to Genesis, No. 100, April 1997, page d.