

# Why The Reptile Mammal Transition Proves Macroevolution: How Antievolutionists Are Wrong

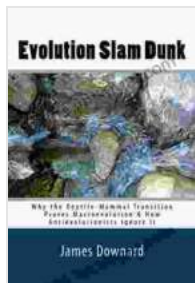
The reptile-mammal transition is one of the most important and well-documented examples of macroevolution. It shows how one group of animals can evolve into another group of animals over time. This transition is a powerful argument against the claims of antievolutionists, who deny that evolution has occurred.

The evidence for the reptile-mammal transition is overwhelming. It includes:

- **Fossil evidence:** Fossils show a clear progression from reptiles to mammals over time. The earliest reptiles, which lived about 300 million years ago, were small, lizard-like animals. Over time, reptiles evolved into larger, more diverse animals. Some reptiles developed feathers and became birds. Others developed fur and became mammals.
- **Anatomical evidence:** The anatomy of reptiles and mammals shows many similarities. This suggests that they share a common ancestor. For example, both reptiles and mammals have a backbone, a skull, and four limbs.
- **Molecular evidence:** The DNA of reptiles and mammals is very similar. This suggests that they share a common ancestor.

Antievolutionists argue that the reptile-mammal transition is not evidence of evolution. They claim that the fossils that show this transition are not real, or that they have been misinterpreted. They also claim that the anatomical

and molecular similarities between reptiles and mammals are due to convergent evolution, which is the process by which unrelated organisms evolve similar traits in response to similar environmental pressures.



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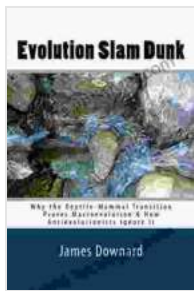
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The antievolutionist argument is flawed on several grounds. First, the fossil evidence for the reptile-mammal transition is overwhelming. There are hundreds of fossils that show this transition, and they have been found all over the world. Second, the anatomical and molecular similarities between reptiles and mammals are too great to be explained by convergent evolution. Third, there is no evidence to support the claim that the fossils that show this transition are not real or have been misinterpreted.

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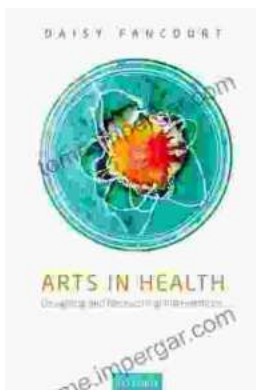
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