

Haeckel's Embryos

Evolutionary Fraud

For the last 125 years generations of biology students have been deceived by a series of fraudulent pictures published by Ernst Haeckel a 19th century biologist and fervent Darwinian. These drawing have been used to advance the theory of "Ontogeny Recapitulates Phylogeny," the theory that the embryonic stages of an organism repeat its evolutionary history. These pictures show how the embryonic stages of many organisms are quite similar. For example the evolutionary ancestors of humans are supposedly fish since the human and fish embryos both have gill-like slits. These forgeries have appeared in countless school and college biology textbooks.

Fakes Well Known

The incredible fact is that most evolutionist and biologist have known that they are fraudulent but still continue to use them as an evolutionary propaganda piece. These pictures were recognized as fakes soon after their publication, more than one hundred years ago. This can be verified by consulting any comprehensive encyclopedia.

Nigel Hawks interviewed Dr. Michael Richardson for the London Times. Richardson recently published his findings on the Haeckel drawings in several prestigious science journals (Pennisi 1997). The title of his article in *Science* is; "Haeckel's Embryos: Fraud Rediscovered." Notice what he says about his findings:

"This is one of the worst cases of scientific fraud. It's shocking to find that somebody one thought was a great scientist was deliberately misleading. It makes me angry ... What he [Haeckel] did was to take a human embryo and copy it, pretending that the salamander and the pig and all the others looked the same at the same stage of development. They don't ... These are fakes." (Hawks 1997).

Even though the scientific community knew that the Haeckel drawings were fraudulent they continued to use them because they supported evolution