Is the Elephant an Overgrown Shrew?

As our knowledge of DNA continues to grow, the traditional claims about which creatures evolved from a common ancestor are looking even less likely.

For centuries, scientists have classified animals based on their appearance and lifestyle. As a result, for example, mice and shrews were considered more closely related to one another than to, say, elephants. Now, scientists have found unique markers in three proteins in widely diverse groups of animals. They have concluded that since all the order of mammals called Afrotheria have these markers, they must all have descended from the same ancestor in the distant past. Statistical analysis shows that the unique markers could not have evolved several times; thus, all the animals in this order came from a single mating pair of ancestors. The problem is, these unique markers tie together everything from elephants to aardvarks and shrews. Aside from being all mammals, many of these animals have no obvious similarities. So different from one another are many of these creatures that some biologists actually reject the proposition that they all have a common ancestor. Others insist that this genetic analysis proves a common ancestor.

We have a suggestion for those who know of no mechanism that could randomly produce the same marker proteins in such diverse animals. Consider the possibility that each of these creatures have the same Creator.

Romans 1:22 “Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools....”

Prayer: I thank You, Lord, for the wisdom You give to us in Your Word. Amen.

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