

## "Alfred" the whale is not the missing link

Being exhibited recently in some science sites and magazines, and also in Australia's Victoria museum, the fossil remains belonging to the 25-million-year-old Aetiocetid type whale named Alfred, have been put forward as the so called evidence for the evolution of whales.



This is an extremely interesting situation, because evolutionists intend to support the myth of evolution of the whales based on a single tooth from these fossils which actually prove creation, and they try to demonstrate Alfred as a transitional form.

Baleen whales have always been a major dilemma for the theory of evolution. Until now, it has not been possible to fabricate evolutionary myths between toothed whales and whales which have a pectinate filter structure called baleen instead of teeth. The reason for this dilemma is the unique baleen structure of the whales.

Baleens are a comb-like structure located in the mouths of the whales instead of teeth and enable them to filter and capture the krills or small fishes. Due to the baleens' shape which is similar to a stick made of bone; this type of whale is also known as the whalebone whale colloquially.

Struggling to explain this complex and perfect system, evolutionists have put forward the "myth of whale teeth turning into baleens over time"; and also tried to claim this fossil called Alfred, belonging to a wholly extinct species of whale, as evidence for this so-called transitional form.

However, this claim contains many scientific errors.

First of all, Alfred is from Aetiocetid species. Aetiocetids are not the ancestors of baleen whales; they are species of extinct toothed whales. The presence of a tooth in

the mouth of the fossil has already proven this fact.



Then why is this fossil, which has no baleens in its mouth, is tenaciously imagined to have baleens by Darwinists, even though the fossil belongs to a toothed whale?

Evolutionists claim that some of the scratches found on a single tooth of the fossil were made by baleens rubbing against the teeth. However, this assumption was made with the presupposition that the teeth and the baleens were present at the same time in the mouth of the whale. Thinking that these scratches were made by non-existent baleens are far from scientific, it is a personal interpretation. Scratches can occur on human teeth too, due to various anatomical disorders, external impacts, edible foods, or nutritional influences. For this reason, it is of course more rational and scientific to think that the scratches are caused by sediments or nutrients ingested by whales. However, if we assumed there was a baleen found surrounding the teeth, the result would not have changed, because then the baleens would have protected the teeth and the wear on the teeth would not be

that deep.

As you can see, this claim is only a figment of the imagination. Even though they have no baleens, an extinct species of toothed whale is insistently being introduced as if it were a transitional form. There also has been no explanation by Darwinists regarding how hard teeth in the mouths of whales have turned into a great system of engineering which serves as a filter.

### **The structural differences between whale teeth and baleens is a conundrum for evolution**

A situation in which the baleens and teeth are present at the same time in a whale's mouth is not possible both in terms of functionality and anatomy. Teeth are for rending and tearing up food. The baleens, however, are meant to feed on creatures so small that it is impossible to catch them with teeth. The jaw structure required to use baleens and the jaw structure required to use teeth are completely different from each other. Namely:

To be able to use baleens functionally, (1) oil of an abdominal cavity with cartilaginous support rods expanding like an accordion; (2) discrete jaw structure loosely connected to the skull; (3) a Y-shaped cartilaginous structure connected to the jaw and the throat, and (4) a mandible made of two bones with the ability to move independently of each other. <sup>1</sup>

These are morphological (formal) features necessary for the whales to feed using baleens.

Finally, a special organ has been discovered that controls the movement of the jaw and throat pouches in baleen whales. This organ, located on the cheek, is responsible for giving a warning signal regarding the force applied to mouth area when the whale fills its mouth with water when it feeds. Because the whale, which can fill its mouth with about 5 tons of water at a time, has an enlarged abdominal cavity; the amount of water he holds in his mouth shouldn't be a dangerous amount that would damage the whale, break his jaw, tear his abdomen, or cause any kind of injury.

This organ, discovery of which was announced in the *Nature* magazine in 2012, exists to actually protect the whale from these kinds of hazards. This organ, located in the middle of the lower jaw, at the rear where the bones diverges to right and left, "detects the dynamic rotation of the jaw when the mouth opens and closes".<sup>2</sup> In other words, without this sensory organ, the whale could never notice the force applied to its jaw by the amount of water swallowed, and it could face a dangerous situation when she fed. For this reason, it is imperative that whalebone whaled has this special sensory organ, along with baleens, so that they can feed using their baleens.

As all these evidence show, these creatures have all the necessary anatomical properties to be able to feed using their baleens from the moment they first came into existence.

### **It is extremely ridiculous that the whale teeth have turned into baleens over time**

In the event that any of the 5 basic features that we briefly mentioned here are missing, the baleens will not be suitable for use anyway. Therefore, it is immediately obvious why the claim that the teeth of the whales turn into baleens over time is ridiculous.

According to Darwinists; the whales have allegedly evolved the teeth that they had previously possessed into baleens in order to supposedly feed more and grow more. This logic is already inconsistent with the evolutionists' own claims. If having baleens is supposedly more advantageous in terms of natural selection, no toothed whale should have remained today.

It should also be remembered that there is no resemblance between the structural material of the baleens and that of the teeth. The raw material of baleens is keratin. The teeth are mainly made of phosphorus, sodium, calcium and other minerals; they mostly contain protein collagen. In other words, an imaginary scenario like teeth evolving into baleens is impossible to occur.

Every living being is created in the most appropriate way for its environment. Because the baleen whales feed on krills, they are created with baleens, which can capture these small creatures like a net; while the toothed whales are equipped with sharp teeth with which they can easily catch and digest their prey. Throughout the history, baleen whales and toothed whales lived together; no species has evolved into another species.

The whales, along with all living things, have never evolved over millions of years; each one of them has been created with the excellent features they currently have from the very first moment.

When you look at the history of life, there is only one fact revealed by the science of paleontology: Life has not progressed from simple to complex as Darwinists have claimed. In every stage of history, life, from the first moment of creation, has been too perfect and complicated to be caused by blind coincidences. This fact shows us;

that the living beings did not evolve, and the universe, galaxy, solar system, planets and everything that constitutes Earth is created in an instant by our Almighty Lord, who possesses supreme knowledge and power and is OMNIPOTENT, by His word "Be". All living things on earth are a manifestation of our Lord's OMNIPOTENCE.

**Make a metaphor for them of the life of the earth; it is like water which We send down from the sky and the plants of the earth combine with it but then become dry chaff scattered by the winds. God has absolute power over everything. (Surah Al-Kahf, 45)**

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