

## **EXTRATERRESTRIAL IMPACTS AS THE PRIMARY CAUSE OF SPECIATION IN EVOLUTION**

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The Darwinian-Wallace theory of evolution is examined and found to be flawed, specifically that the mechanism which the classical theory puts forth as bringing about evolution (Natural Selection) is insufficient to account for various discrepancies found in the natural world (e.g., living fossils). Additionally, neo-Darwinists have put forth extreme assertions which neither Wallace nor Darwin would have supported. Based on the work of Barbara McClintock whose work on the restructuring of the genome through stress won her the Nobel Prize, the present paper puts forth the proposition that the numerous meteoritic impacts (some of which have resulted in the massive extinction of species) have been the primary cause of speciation through cataclysmic effects in the biosphere, both on a local and global level.