

## IDCers prefer the explanation of special creation over descent:

relationship can be made. Marsupial pouches and bones are considered homologous because it is assumed that the organisms possessing them descended from a common ancestor. It cannot be denied that this interpretation is consistent with Darwinian theory; yet the consistency may be merely because we assume they are related, and nothing more. This is a classic example of circular

reasoning. Stated differently, the harmony of Darwinian evolution and a homologous interpretation for these structures is certainly worth our notice. But in the light of a second set of similarities, such as those shared by placental and marsupial wolves, placental and marsupial moles, etc., the existence of these pouches and bones in Australian mammals merely poses a riddle. They are not actually evidence that

*(Pandas, pp. 124-125)*