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More recently this idea ^{of sudden jumps} is losing favor and being largely replaced by a "punctuated equilibrium" model which ^{proposes} ~~suggests~~ relatively rapid changes over a few generations or over a few thousand years "just a moment in the geological record", followed by a long-term stability of the resultant species. Such a theory might ^{seem to} have a slightly ~~better chance of being supported by definite~~ ^{improved prospect} ~~hope~~ of eventually being supported by definite fossil evidence in some of the thousands of cases in which, according to ~~an~~ evolutionary theory, it would have had to occur. ^{yet}

~~But~~ it is really no easier to believe (in fact harder) than the idea of creation by an intelligent planner.