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In a statement issued on April 11, 2008, the Geological Society of London [denounced](#) [4] young-earth creationism, "creation science," and "intelligent design" as "a trespass upon the domain of science," and described the great age of the earth, the great age of life on earth, and evolution by natural selection as "long established beyond doubt," adding, "Close study of the structure and organisation of living animals and plants clearly indicates their common ancestry, and the succession of forms through the fossil record, as well as the genetic record contained in every living organism, provides powerful evidence of the reality of evolution."

Appended to the society's brief statement was a list of further resources, including the Royal Society of London's [statement](#) [5] on on evolution, creationism, and "intelligent design"; the National Academy of Sciences publication [Evolution, Science, and Creationism](#) [6]; the International Society for Science and Religion's [statement](#) [7] on the concept of "intelligent design"; and the [testimony](#) [8] given in the *Kitzmiller v. Dover* trial by Kevin Padian, a vertebrate paleontologist at the University of California, Berkeley, and president of NCSE's board of directors. Founded in 1807, the Geological Society of London is the United Kingdom's national society for geoscience, and the oldest geological society in the world.

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