



EVOLUTION ILLUSION

DESIGN

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A. RED PLANET

In 2023, Man's first human voyage to Mars encounters a strange discovery. Below is the record of their adventure...

In 2023, man finally began his first human voyage to the planet Mars.

On September 17, five of the world's top scientific minds left earth orbit on board the spacecraft, Red Rocket, history's first interplanetary shuttle powered by Dual Quantum Drives. Two and a half months will pass before they are able to set foot on Martian soil.

Logbook entries:

January 2, 2024: After a modest New Year celebration, the skilled crew prepares Red Rocket for the final approach to landing on the surface of Mars. Excitement and tension is high among the crew.

January 3, 11:00 G.M.T: Final approach sequence is initiated. Red Rocket glides through the thin Martian atmosphere, and then touches down on the dry, crusty alien landscape.

13:44: Straws have been drawn. Commander Piretti is the first to set foot on the Red planet. His first words are: "Hey! Where's the beach?"

13:52: Colonel Heiluu begins to survey the region. His Data Recorder picks up an unexpected signal. The signal comes from the foot of a nearby mountain. Heiluu and Coleman investigate.

14:18: The source of the signal is found. Surprisingly, a wristwatch is discovered buried in the sand. Heiluu and Coleman return with the wristwatch to Red Rocket. Highly confused about their new found discovery, the puzzled crew contacts Mission Control.

21:44: Mission Control responds. Let's join the crew to hear what they have to say.

"Mission Control to Red Rocket team:

The situation has been discussed at length by the Mission Science team. There are only two possibilities concerning the origin of our amazing discovery. Your directive is to interact with the on screen program to submit your findings."

Welcome To Earth!

When we were born, we became explorers on an exciting planet that offers itself as an environment for unlimited discoveries. As we grew up, we discovered all kinds of marvelous wonders. Throughout our years of discovery, we have been torn between two arguments concerning the origin of what we have discovered.

1. All things were designed by a great Designer.
2. All things came into existence as the result of evolution, an accidental force that began billions of years ago and continues unto this day.

When considering our discovery of a watch on Mars, which is more reasonable to believe? The logical answer is that all things came about by the work of a Creator who left His fingerprint of design throughout the universe and on everything that exists.



B. IRREDUCIBLY COMPLEX

It is said that through the process of evolution, life is slowly changed through numerous small variations over many millions of years.

The nineteenth century evolutionist, Charles Darwin, once said,

"If it could be demonstrated that any complex organ existed which could not possibly have been formed by numerous, successive, slight modifications, my theory would absolutely break down"

In other words, Darwin was saying that if it can be shown that the small steps of evolution could not form any organ or change in life, then the theory of evolution is wrong.

This is exactly what has happened in the scientific world. Not only has it been shown that organs do not form by numerous slight modifications, we now know that the very building blocks of organs, the cells themselves, could never have been formed by numerous slight modifications.

Many years ago when the theory of evolution was first proposed, scientists were not yet equipped with in-depth studies of the cell. It was believed that the cell was only a simple building block in life that continually bent and bowed to the forces of evolution. But with the invention of the electron microscope, and the introduction of the study of biochemistry, a whole new world of fantastic discoveries has silenced those who thought that the structure and function of the cell was insignificant to the function of life.

The biochemist, Michael Behe, used the phrase "irreducibly complex" in describing the marvels of the cell. In order to illustrate his point, he used the simple mechanism of a mousetrap. In his book, "Darwin's Black Box," Dr. Behe wrote,

"The mousetraps that my family use consist of a number of parts. (1) a flat wooden platform to act as a base; (2) a metal hammer, which does the actual job of crushing the little mouse; (3) a spring with extended ends to press against the platform and the hammer when the trap is charged; (4) a sensitive catch that releases when slight pressure is applied, and (5) a metal bar that connects to the catch and holds the hammer back when the trap is charged. (There are also assorted staples to hold the system together.)"

What Dr. Behe is saying is that the system of operation of a simple mousetrap is irreducibly complex. Remove any single piece of the device and the entire system ceases to function.

In the same way the cell, any cell, is an irreducibly complex system. Remove any part of it and it will die. The cell could therefore never have evolved! The cell has to have been created as a complete unit. It is far too complex to have spontaneously happened.

In reference to the complexity of the cell, Lester and Hefley describe the cell as a

"teeming universe of compartments, structures and chemical agents"

Stephen C. Meyer said that modern biologists now describe cells as,

"real-time computers and complex information processing systems."

This description of the cell is certainly different from the view of nineteenth century scientists who thought that the cell was an insignificant slave in evolutionary processes.

In fact, we can say without doubt that the simplest cell is far more complex than the most complex machine or computer man has ever invented!

Remember what Darwin said?

He said that if it could be proved that any organ could not have come into existence by numerous slight modifications, then evolution could not have taken place. Well, just as a mousetrap cannot simply happen due to its irreducibly complex system, so too, the cell could not have evolved into existence. In fact, there is a greater chance of a super computer simply happening than there is of the cell evolving into existence. What wonderful evidence for the creative hand of God!

So what does this all mean?

Behe summed up the past forty years of biochemistry by saying,

"The result of these cumulative efforts to investigate the cell - to investigate life on the molecular level - is a loud, clear, piercing cry of "design!"

Now design clearly implies a Designer. One cannot study the complexities of the cell without concluding that there was a Designer behind this marvel of nature. The Bible identifies this Designer:

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth" GENESIS 1:1

In his summation of the twentieth century scientific discoveries of the cell, Dr. Behe stated,

"The result is so unambiguous and so significant that it must be ranked as one of the greatest achievements in the history of science But no (champagne) bottles have been uncorked Instead, a curious, embarrassed silence surrounds the stark complexity of the cell."

Yes, God has left His fingerprints everywhere. And every year scientists are discovering them in every corner of the universe and the world in which we live. The field of science is a wonderful adventure of discovering the fingerprints of God.



C. DOUBLE STANDARDS

There are many in the scientific world who will argue against the fact that it is logical to conclude that there was a Designer who brought all things into existence just as it is explained in the Bible. They will argue for a spontaneous generation of all life, even though science has proved that such is impossible.

Now think about this:

When archeologists find a piece of pottery during excavations, they know that the pottery was designed by an intelligent being. It was not the result of natural processes.

So too, the program, Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence, has spent millions of dollars on elaborate radio telescopes to scan the skies for incoming radio signals. The idea is that if a radio signal contains some pattern of design, then it would have had to be caused by intelligent life.

All life on earth is immeasurably more complex than pottery shards, or even the most complicated radio signal - yet evolutionists say we evolved. We were not designed.

This is neither logical nor scientific.



D. CHIMPANZEES AND TYPEWRITERS

It has been said that given sufficient time, a chimpanzee with a typewriter by a random pressing of keys, will eventually type out an entire copy of the Bible, word for word.

This impossible illustration is often used to "prove" that the one trillion bits of DNA coding within a single cell could happen by accident. However, those who use this illustration usually leave out a very important point.

Each typewriter key represents a letter in the alphabet code. The "A" key, for example, means something specific and quite different from "B", "C", "D", "E", and the other keys. As the chimpanzee types, it is working with an already designed code of letters. The chimp may be able to string together a few words, perhaps even a sentence. But keep in mind that this is possible because the alphabet code already exists.

DNA also has its own code. It is interesting to note that all life on earth uses the same coding from which to develop all varieties of life. Human beings may make adjustments to the code, just as a monkey may type letters on a typewriter. But the real question here is: Who designed the code?

The Bible has an answer for this question.



E. THE DESIGN AWARDS

All living things are systems within systems of staggering order. Below are just a few of the incredible designs for which God deserves all glory and honor!

The Human Eye

80% of all human knowledge is gathered through the eye. Our tears kill bacteria and so protect the eye from infection. 600,000 nerves connect and send messages to the brain at 300 miles per hour (482.7km/h!). The eye is able to focus close and far automatically.

The Human Ear

Sound waves enter the ear and vibrate the eardrum. The eardrum's vibrations are amplified by the hammer, anvil and stirrup (the 3 smallest human bones) into the snail shaped cochlea. The cochlea's 25,000 hair cells pick up the sound and send it to the brain to be interpreted – all this in less than a blink of an eye!

The Panda's Thumb

The Panda has 6 digits on its front paws. One is made from an enlarged wrist bone enabling it to grip as tightly as humans. Dr. G. Schaller reported that the panda is able to use its extra "thumb" as a surgeon would use a pair of forceps!

The Emperor Penguin

Emperor Penguins live in the Antarctic. When the mother lays an egg, she can't leave it on the ice as it will freeze. She gives it to the father who keeps it on top of his feet and covers it with a special stomach flap. He then sits on the egg for about 2 months while the mother eats and stores food! When the chick hatches, the mother returns to feed it – the father returns to sea for a few weeks and then relieves the mother for a few weeks. They rotate duty this way until the chick is 6 months old!

The Archer Fish

The Archer fish knocks insects off branches into the water, by spitting water at them! It uses its mouth and tongue like a gun barrel and is able to spit up to 5 feet (1.6m). It can spit with perfect accuracy despite the visual distortion of looking through the water.

The Ant and the Acacia

The Bull's Horn Acacia tree of South America has a very special relationship with a vicious stinging ant called, *Pseudomermex* ants. These ants live inside the hollow thorns of the tree, and consume the rich nectar that flows from small bumps on the tree. In return, the ants protect the tree from plant eating insects, animals and other plants. Experiments have shown that the tree dies if the ants are removed from it.



F. THE TEXT BOOK'S CASE

On the CD and in the printable Acrobat files is a list of biochemistry textbooks used in major universities. Note how few times evolution is referred to; note also how many textbooks ignore evolution completely! The point is that if evolution is central to understanding biology, why is it hardly mentioned in these

biochemistry text books? NOTE: The following information is from Michael J. Behe's book, "Darwin's Black Box."



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