

## **Lesson 5: Does God Exist? (Continued)**

### **TELEOLOGICAL ARGUMENT: ARGUMENT FROM DESIGN (Continued)**

#### **WHAT ABOUT EVOLUTION?**

**Evolution does not disprove Christianity even if it were true.** It would create problems for Biblical inerrancy – but God could still exist, Jesus could still be God, He could have risen from the dead and could be coming again.

Don't get hung up on evolution!

#### **HUMAN EVOLUTION: "Piltdown Man"**

1912 Discovery in Piltdown, England

- British museum reconstructed fragments of skull and jawbone and hailed it as a link between ape and man.
- Revealed as a hoax in 1923 – as a combination of a human skull, orangutan jaw, and chimpanzee teeth – but scientific community did not concede this until 1953.

#### **Are People Just Seeing What They Want To See?**

- Anthony Flew: The Leading Atheist of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century
- In early 2000s, he became a theist. Why? Because of the DNA evidence – the incredible complexity of life. When he wrote a book called "There Is A God", his former atheist colleagues called him senile.

#### **O.J. Simpson Trial: Evidence that Demands a Verdict**

1. Simpson's blood at scene (only 1 in 170 million chance it is not Simpson's)
2. Goldman, Brown & Simpson's blood in Simpson's Bronco
3. Glove at scene had blood from all three and matched glove at Simpson's house
4. Bloody footprints from a rare brand of size 12 shoes that Simpson owned
5. Brown's blood on Simpson's socks (1 in 21 billion)

Does science tell us Simpson is guilty? NO! Why not? Science just gives you data!

All data needs to be interpreted by people, in this case a jury that found him not guilty.

2004 NBC Survey of 1,186 people:

- 77% believed Simpson was guilty - but there was an ethnic divide....
- 87% of Whites believed he was guilty
- 27% of Blacks believed he was guilty

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People interpret data according to their world view.

### **Global Warming: The “Hockey Stick” Graph**

- They “Cherry Picked” data
- They called it a “Trick” to “hide the decline”
- Defective algorithm”?
- Hiding data
- Blacklisting dissenters

### **Happening right now in regards to macro-evolution (see movie “Expelled”)**

Are People Just Seeing What They Want To See?

Science is only as objective as the scientist!

Everyone must look at the data and make a decision.

### **TWO CENTRAL ARGUMENTS FOR MACRO-EVOLUTION**

1. Small Adaptations Lead To New Species (Micro To Macro Evolution)
2. Similarities In Structure (Homology) And DNA Are Evidences Of A Common Ancestor.

### **CAN SMALL ADAPTATIONS LEAD TO NEW SPECIES?**

Selective breeding of dogs is cited as evidence for macro-evolution

Two problems:

1. In dog breeding intelligence is involved!
2. Breeders always hit genetic limits in their breeding efforts  
(These limits are much larger in dogs than other species, most species allow for much less variation before hitting genetic limits.)

**If intelligent breeders meet genetic limits, why should we expect non-intelligence to exceed them?**

Micro-evolution within type: YES

Macro-evolution across types: NO

### **ARGUMENT: “JUST GIVE EVOLUTION MORE TIME”**

Fruit fly experimentation disproves this theory – in spite of lifespans measured in mere days, have been unable to break genetic limits.

Even 30 year experiments on E. coli Bacteria have failed to produce major changes – in spite of short incredibly short lifespans (equivalent to millions of years in humans), have been unable to break genetic limits.

### **CHANGE ATTRIBUTED TO NATURAL SELECTION IS CYCLICAL, NOT DIRECTIONAL** (When conditions change, the changes are reversed)

You start with finches and end with finches, but the origin of finches is never explained!  
(Survival is not arrival)

Where did finches come from?

### **SIMILARITIES IN STRUCTURE (HOMOLOGY) AND DNA ARE EVIDENCES OF A COMMON ANCESTOR**

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What About DNA Similarity?

\*\*\*DNA similarity is about 96% between apes and humans, but also 90% between mice and humans! (Because of the complex ways cells use genetic information, small differences can produce big functional differences.)

\*\*\*DNA similarity could be evidence of a common designer rather than a common ancestor? (Similar structures often have a similar blueprint. Dawkins (and most other atheists) rule out this possibility before examining the evidence – because of their world view.

\*\*\*Darwinist must explain the vast dissimilarity between living things (the bee, the octopus, the Venus fly trap, mildew, the peacock, the porcupine, the human, etc.)

Richard Dawkins (full statement): “The reason we know for certain we are all related, including bacteria, is the universality of the genetic code and other biochemical fundamentals. [My] PHILOSOPHICAL COMMITMENT TO MATERIALISM AND REDUCTIONISM IS TRUE, but I would prefer to characterize it as philosophical commitment to real explanation as opposed to a complete lack of explanation, which is what you espouse.”

Clearly Dawkins has ruled out God before he begins examining the evidence, based upon his commitment to atheism. Is this good science? NO!

Dawkins is assuming what he wants to prove. He is engaging in circular reasoning.

## **WHERE DID DNA COME FROM?**

DNA is like a software code, it is a language. The only source of language is intelligence, from minds!

“The man of science is a poor philosopher.” - Albert Einstein

Follow the evidence where it leads, as Anthony Flew did.....

## **IRREDUCIBLE COMPLEXITY**

Biologic systems, even within cells, are complex, requiring many genetic changes to create them. Simply creating one change through – as evolutionists say, mutation – does not produce any advantage. Therefore, according to evolutionary theory, it should not be preserved. It would therefore take multiple positive mutations happening within the same individual, at the same time, to produce even a simple biological system. Is it reasonable, given that the vast majority of mutations are negative, very often killing the organism, to believe that this happened so often as to explain where every species came from?

## **THE FOSSIL RECORD**

The fossil record actually is evidence AGAINST Darwinian evolution and for creation!

Darwin knew of the “Cambrian Explosion” in which all major body plans came into existence in a geological instant. He stated that if more fossils were not found to show where all these complex body plans came from, it would be strong argument against his theory. 150 years on digging have not produced such evidence.

Richard Dawkins agrees!

“The Cambrian strata of rocks, are the oldest ones in which we find most of the major invertebrate groups. And we find many of them already in an advanced state of evolution, the very first time they appear. It is as though they were planted there, without any evolutionary history.” (The Blind Watchmaker, p. 229)

He has no explanation for this!

## **DARWIN’S DILEMMA – Not A Tree Of Life – A Lawn**

“Without gradualness.... we are back to a miracle.” Richard Dawkins, Atheist, Evolutionary Biologist

The Fossil Record Does Not Support Gradualism – Or Darwinism!

“The extreme rarity of transitional forms in the fossil record persists as the trade secret of paleontology. The evolutionary trees that adorn or textbooks have data only at the tips and nodes of their branches; THE REST IS INFERENCE, however reasonable not the evidence of fossils.” - Stephen J. Gould, Harvard University

“Illuminating BUT SPOTTY, the fossil record is like a film from which 999 of every 1,000 frames have been lost on the cutting room floor.”  
National Geographic, Nov. 2004, p. 25

## **WHAT WOULD THE FOSSIL RECORD LOOK LIKE IF CREATION WERE TRUE?**

Wouldn't it look very much like it actually does?

There are not missing links, there is a missing CHAIN!

## **IF ASKED: DO YOU BELIEVE IN EVOLUTION?**

Ask these questions:

1. What do you mean by evolution?
2. How did you come to that conclusion?
3. Have you ever considered....?

## **HOMOLOGY: DOES SIMILARITY OF STRUCTURE PROVE A COMMON ANCESTOR?**

Haeckel's embryos – which may very well have been in your high school biology textbook – have been known for decades to be faked. They are false.

Does similarity of structure prove that the pot evolved from the teaspoon?

In the 1980s Darwinist Tim Berra offered the progression of the Corvette as evidence of decent with modification! This is now known as “Berra's Blunder” because this is an illustration of intelligent design!

Humans use common elements in many of their designs!

Darwinists say that we know all of Earth's creatures share a common ancestor by way of unguided macro-evolutionary processes because of DNA and homology. And how do we know that DNA and homology all point to a common ancestor rather than a common designer? Because macro-evolution is true! That's circular reasoning!

## **EVIDENCE AGAINST GRADUALISM AND FOR CREATION**

1. Irreducible Complexity
2. The Fossil Record