

THE BEGINNING OF EVERYTHING

An Atheist talks to his son about the beginning of everything

Son: Thanks for taking me to the zoo dad, it was very interesting, all those different animals and birds and reptiles; where does everything come from?

Dad: I have been meaning to tell you about the beginning of everything son. Now is a good time.

Once upon a time, there was nothing, absolutely nothing except for a very tiny speck. The speck was so small you would not be able to see it, even with a standard microscope.

Son: How did the speck get there dad?

Dad: Nobody knows how the speck got there. It was just there. Now back to the story. After a long time - a very long time, the speck got tired of being just a speck, so it decided to be something much bigger. So there was a very big explosion.

Son: What made the speck explode dad?

Dad: Nobody knows son, it just happened. After a very long time, that speck became the whole universe.

Son: That's very impressive dad.

Dad: Wait son, there's more. Out of that explosion came the sun, moon and stars - even our earth. In the beginning the earth was just hot lava, soil, rocks and water. There was no plant life, no animals, no birds, no reptiles, no insects, no fish, not even a single bacteria. Just the lava, soil, rocks and water.

After a very long period of time, some of the bits and pieces in the water bumped into each other and life was formed.

Son: Gee Dad, that's very impressive. Can we put some bits and pieces in the blender with water and produce life?

Dad: No son. Life is too complicated to produce it like that.

Son: If very brainy scientists use powerful computers and the best instruments in the world, they can produce life, can't they dad?

Dad: No, son. Life is so complex, even the best scientist in the world can't create life. ¹

Son: How come life happened just by an accident in the water?

Dad: Nobody knows son, it just happened. ²

There is something I forgot to tell you. Just prior to the remarkable accident which produced life, there was an equally remarkable accident which produced a different sort of life -

a miniature plant form of life.

Son: Just as well that accident happened first, otherwise the microbe would have nothing to eat, but if it eats the miniature plant, there will be nothing left.

Dad: Don't worry son because there was another astonishing accident, the miniature plant reproduced, and soon there were lots of small plants everywhere.

Son: What made the plant reproduce dad?

Dad: Nobody knows son, it just happened. ³

Son: When the microbe ate some of the plants, did it get sick?

Dad: No son, the plants which came into being were not poisonous or anything like that, they were delicious to the microbe.

Son: What happened to that microbe, did it die?

Dad: Yes son, but don't worry, there was another astonishing incident which covers that problem. The microbe reproduced.

Son: That sounds quite remarkable dad.

Dad: That's nothing son, over many generations, many of the microbes changed and grew quite large, but some stayed very small, so that today we have all sorts of life; dogs, cats, elephants, fish, birds and insects. And of course, we continue to have microscopic forms of life. ⁴

Son: All those different things from one tiny microbe. That's very confusing for a child. Can I just believe in the tooth fairy for now?

Dad: Sure son.

Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

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End Notes

1. In 2003 the media announced that scientists had created a 'simple form of life', but a close look at the facts reveal a different story. What the scientists actually did was remove some genetic information from a simple form of life. Genes were removed from the chromosome which were not essential for the life of the creature. By this method, a 'simple form of life' was developed.

The above situation is akin to a couple of backyard mechanics stripping down a new passenger aircraft. They remove the seats, the navigation system, the tail fins, and all of the lights. They start the engines of the aircraft and are pleased with themselves that they can still make it run. They then announce to the world that they have created a simple form of aircraft without acknowledging the work of far greater minds, who with the aid of computers (another invention requiring lots of intelligent input) designed the aircraft. Special alloys were used in the construction of the original aircraft and very sophisticated electronic systems were installed, but none of this important work is acknowledged.

As we can expect, Atheists who examine and experiment with the complicated structure of life don't acknowledge the designer of the universe and everything it contains. The Bible warns that the failure of man to acknowledge God won't last. "It is written: 'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God.'" (Romans 14:11).

2. Huxley, a contemporary of Darwin, more energetically promoted the theory of evolution than any other man during his active lifetime. He claimed that chance random processes could produce life. Some NASA scientists have put the number of pieces required to create a simple form of life at as low as 400. However, other scientists with a greater knowledge of the complexity of the simplest of organisms dispute that very low figure. Now, with the aid of a home computer, it can be shown that even if you cut the 400 figure in half to 200, it is impossible to go through all of the possible combinations in 400 billion years - evolutionists claim the 'big bang' occurred around 13 - 16 billion years ago - even when you move all of the pieces around at the impossible rate of one billion times per second. For details on the mathematical argument, see my paper on my home page titled, "The Mathematical Impossibility of the Theory of Evolution".

3. Most plants produce seeds in order to reproduce. Scientists can't make a pumpkin seed or any other seed for that matter. That is just another example of God's design in nature being beyond anything that man can design and construct.

4. Bacteria reproduce by splitting in two. That task requires very complex machinery and chemistry within the organism. Evolutionists believe that after life forms developed into something much larger than bacteria, they developed a much more complicated means of reproduction. The means of reproduction came to be shared between two groups. One group performs one part, and the other group performs the other part. The two groups are called 'males' and 'females'. It is hard to imagine how such a situation could come about through chance random processes. It would mean that the organism would have to continue reproduction through splitting in two, while at the same time, develop another means of reproduction which is far more complicated and unnecessary when the current means of reproduction works fine. In all of nature, we have not observed a single instance of an organism in the process of developing a very complicated structure. To make matters worse for the theory, it is hard to imagine why an organism would want to go about constructing a mechanism which is completely unnecessary even if it could. Nature gives glory to God. Consider the butterfly. It lays eggs, the eggs produce caterpillars, the caterpillars later turn into pupas (chrysalis) which finally develop into butterflies. There is nothing simple about that!

The Bible says, "For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities - his eternal power and divine nature - have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse." (Romans 1:20).

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