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Greetings in Christ! Our new website is up and going. It is the same address just with improved functionality. Please visit the forum section where you can communicate with others and put any feedback you have regarding this newsletter or any other topic you desire. There will also be regular updates on current events that will be posted on the site. Currently we receive about 500 hits on our site a day and we pray that this will only continue to grow.

Also keep in your prayers our new book that will be coming out soon. It is on the topic of evangelism and will be called, “Hey Church! Stop Monkeying Around, There’s Work to Do.” By using humorous stories about my childhood pet monkey and other events, including many examples of what we have seen doing street evangelism, you will learn of the “monkey business” going on in the churches today and find out what can be done to change that. I believe this is going to be a powerful motivator for believers to live a life worthy of their calling. God bless you all and we would love to hear from you on our forum.

Intelligent Design and the Human Eye

This past month I was invited to participate in a debate where I defended Creation against four professors from Wayne State College and debated the Intelligent Design issue. This is a hot topic in the media right now and it would be good to look back in our newsletter archives at FTB 31 and 32 to get refreshed on some powerful tools for this topic. I used these issues to back these professors into a corner where they had nothing to say. In fact, after realizing they were in a

no-win situation, one professor tried to skirt the issue by saying, “Let’s not talk about DNA and RNA or where the first atomic particle came from, but let’s bring it up to the Cambrian period where we see trilobites and other vertebrates.” I simply responded by telling him that you can’t debate about Intelligent Design if you can’t talk about the Intelligence it took to design, and brought the issue right back to the beginning again. Not a single professor could answer where the information in DNA came from or give an example of macro-evolution. Though the I.D. movement does not mention who the Designer is, it is a great tool to get real science in the classroom. The conclusion

is obvious to any logical thinking mind. If you have information, there must be a sender. Since the information in our DNA is billions of times more complex than any of man’s technology, the sender must be supremely intelligent if not omniscient. Since this supremely intelligent sender could store this information in our DNA and use it to design all forms of life, he must be purposeful and all powerful. Since information is not of material matter, the sender must have a non-material component, or in other words, he must be a spirit. Therefore, the Designer is **omniscient, omnipotent and spiritual**. Does this sound like God to you?

Evolutionists do not want to admit there is a designer because the logical conclusion is that there is a God. If there is a God then these same evolutionists will be held accountable for sin to this God. Therefore, the ramification of accepting what true science through I.D. is pointing to, is unthinkable for the religion and conscience of an evolutionist.

Richard Dawkins said in his book, The Blind Watchmaker “We have seen that living things are too improbable and too beautifully ‘designed’ to have come into existence by chance.” He is correct about that. A 747 airplane has over 6 million parts but not one can fly by itself. It needs to be put together in the proper order. Even then, the plane cannot fly without intelligence (a pilot) being added to interpret what to do with the ordered pieces. Our DNA code is made up of pieces that have to be in the proper order. If any one of these sequences is out of

place, the DNA crashes. Once everything is in order, it is still useless, however, without a language to interpret the order. For example, the word “*baruch*” in Hebrew means blessed. To an English speaking man “*baruch*” means nothing without having a language to interpret its meaning and put it to use. That is the key behind the Intelligent Design movement. Not only can evolutionists not come up with how “order” came about, because it goes far beyond statistical possibility, but even if it could happen, evolution is left dead in the primordial water. Where does the information come from and where does the language to interpret the information originate? This whole concept is beyond the laboratory and forces one to say that the logical conclusion to science is religion, whether you like it or not. In fact, two professors came to my presentation at Wayne State later that evening. Using this very idea I forced one angry professor to verbally admit that he operated on faith when it came to origins because he couldn’t answer where information came from. I believe this is why Romans tells us that “Since the creation of the world [**origins**] God’s invisible qualities [**omniscience**], His eternal power [**omnipotence**], and Divine nature [**spiritual being**] have been clearly seen, being understood from that which has been made, so that men are without excuse” (Rom 1:18-20).

To combat Intelligent Design, many evolutionists are trying to say that the design we see, is a poor one at that, therefore, no truly intelligent being would

make things the way they are. Again, this skirts the issue of the origin of the information in the design, but let's run with it anyway.

I was recently listening to a radio talk-show dealing with the Intelligent Design issue when a caller said that the human eye was poorly designed, and therefore, did NOT show an intelligent designer. Unfortunately, the talk show host was unable to answer this misnomer.

One of the leading evolutionists in this country is Dr. Kenneth Miller from Brown University. Miller said no intelligent person would put, "the neural wiring of the retina on the side facing incoming light. This arrangement scatters the light, making our vision less detailed than it might be, and even produces a blind spot at the point that the wiring is pulled through the light-sensitive retina to produce the optic nerve that carries visual messages to the brain" (Miller, pg 101).

Miller isn't being much of a scientist when making this statement. In fact, the so-called blind spot does NOT make our vision inferior because the opposite eye fills in the gap. Special instruments are needed to even find this blind spot. Also, the eye facing away from incoming light is not a visual handicap at all as Miller tries to say when explaining that the light is scattered more than it is focused. In actuality, the neural elements are separated by less than a single wavelength of light, which is so small that little to no diffraction occurs.

Michael Shermer, another famed evolutionist, writes of the eye, "It is built

upside down and backward, with photons of light having to travel through the cornea, lens, aqueous fluid, blood vessels, ganglion cells, amacrine cells, horizontal cells, and bipolar cells, before reaching the light-sensitive rods and cones that will transducer the light signal into neural impulses" (Shermer, pp 9-10). These men conclude that the eye of the squid or octopus, which has the photoreceptors (rods and cones) facing the front of the eye, is a better design than in man. These men set themselves above the intelligence of God and suggest that the "designer" should have used the same design he did with the octopus when making the human eye, that is if the designer exists at all. Let's examine this supposed poor design.

Shermer argues that when the light passes through all these extra layers, the light quality is compromised. However, under a microscope one can see that the cells in the human eye are mostly transparent so the light actually isn't hindered at all. Also, in the area of the retina, where the most resolution is needed, the neurons are shifted to the side so that light has a direct path to them, resulting in clarity and near perfect vision.

One of many reasons to have the photoreceptors facing away from the light is that directly behind them lies a tissue filled with the black pigment called melanin. It absorbs most of the light that is not captured by the retina. This keeps this extra light from being reflected off the back of the eye onto the retina, which would give insufficient vision. In addition, the rods and cones are perfectly placed by the choroids that supply blood flow to them. The squid and other "verted" designed animals have their photoreceptors away from the blood flow and thus get little

oxygen and nutrients. In a human, the rods and cones require an enormous amount of energy to function as they completely replace themselves about every seven days and, therefore, need to be close to the blood flow to receive oxygen. Human eye function is so rapid and complex because the image being received must constantly be refreshed as the information is sent to the brain. This kind of complexity is anything but a poor design. The retina uses more oxygen and nutrients than almost any other part of the body, so this placement in this design is not only intentional, but necessary.

Furthermore, a tremendous amount of light is taken in through the eyes every day and this light is mostly converted to heat,

therefore, the retina uses the blood flow as a cooling system. Without this we would go blind very quickly. Squid and other water-dwelling animals have water as a cooling system and the amount of light coming into the eye is much less, therefore, they do not have this problem.

This is just one example of ignorant claims that God's design is flawed. Clearly God is the omniscient and omnipotent author of information and design. He designed the eye and everything else to be best suited for its environment.

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