

PART I

I. Introduction – Science: What is True?

- a. Psalm 19:1-4 – “The heavens declare the Glory of God” – General Revelation
- b. Romans 1:18-20 – “God has made it plain to them...”
- c. Only two possibilities: the cosmos has always either existed or the cosmos has had a beginning – either one poses a serious problem for those who deny a Creator.

II. Design vs Randomness

- a. Earliest scientists were convinced that the universe bore evidence of design.
- b. Scrabble Example = Where does the organized information in the genetic code come from?
- c. Wald – “Time is the hero of the plot... the impossible becomes possible.”

III. Examining Darwin’s Theory

- a. Hypothesis, theory, law – data must confirm investigation of truth claims.
- b. Darwinian evolution taught as “fact” – Does his theory match reality?
- c. Paley’s Argument – Anyone who looks at a pocket watch understands that it was designed by with intelligent purpose.
- d. Ignoring the obvious – Francis Crick: You’ve got to keep in mind that all of this was not designed.

PART II

IV. Testing Carl Sagan’s statement – “Evolution is a fact amply demonstrated by the fossil record and contemporary molecular biology.”

- a. Contemporary Molecular Biology – testing Darwin’s statement that his theory would absolutely break down if it could be demonstrated that a complex organism could not come into existence without numerous, successive slight modifications.
 - i. In the 19th century, the cell was viewed as a simple glob of plasma, a black box today, micro technology reveals a cell filled with exquisite machinery.
 - ii. Irreducible Complexity – the cell cannot exist if one component of the machinery is missing – Examples: mouse trap and the flagellum motor, blood coagulation.
 - iii. It is in the realm of molecular genetics where we see the most compelling evidence of design on earth.
- b. The Fossil Record – testing Darwin’s statement that if one can’t find all of the fine, graduated evolutionary steps in the fossil record, then one can rightly reject the theory.
 - i. If speciation requires many thousands of morphological changes, there should be some fossil evidence of those changes – Darwin agreed they weren’t there, but only because we hadn’t dug up enough fossils.
 - ii. 120 yrs after Darwin’s time we have a lot more fossil evidence that he did, but we have even less support for his evolutionary theories.
 - iii. Punctuated Equilibrium – offered by the late evolutionist Steven Jay Gould because of the lack of evidence in the fossil record; purports immediate speciation to account for the missing links.
 - iv. Icons of Evolution – used for years as “proof” of evolution – all are inaccurate and outdated.
 - v. Directed Panspermia – purpose that the first living cell was sent to earth from another planet – offered by Francis Crick because evidence is overwhelmingly against spontaneous generation.

V. Conclusion

- a. Lovtrup: “I believe that one day the Darwinian myth will be ranked the greatest deceit in the history of science.”
- b. This is a worldview battle – a battle that is much deeper than a scientific theory – Evolution destroys any foundation for a standard of ethics or morality – man has exchanged the truth of God for a lie (evolution) so that he may be free to follow his inner desires.