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We must speak for silence would shame us, and the rocks themselves would cry out... You, O Lord Christ Jesus, must be praised for who You are in the world You have made.

Hello! The latest science is full of new findings that show that God, in the person of Jesus, is Creator of the universe, you and us. Thank you for joining us in learning the Good News.



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God's Curse or God's Blessing Gone?

Lately, the news has had comments from people saying we, as a nation, are now cursed by God or that we are losing the blessing of God. We thought it would be appropriate to speak to the topic as our nation is losing ground rapidly in solvency and world stature. Please understand that we do **not** claim to have any special knowledge or interpretation of scripture. The following is an opinion as we understand God's past working described in the Bible. There is no doubt that God has cursed nations and God has blessed nations. Proph-

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Photo by Wilson Bentley

From Order to Emergence - Part 5

We start this final article in the series with a quick review of parts 1-4... Things are placed in an order by organizing them. There are three basic ways to organize. We fully explained these terms in the previous articles. You can re-read them by downloading a PDF of the newsletters from

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Hox Genes

Let's start with a brief history of our knowledge of DNA. See the extra set of wings on the fly to the right? They are the result of a mutated Hox gene. The effects of Hox genes were first noted 100 years ago. The scientists didn't know about Hox genes, they just knew mutations could be generated. Of course, at that time, the discovery of DNA was still a half century in the future. But already, scientists had determined that exposing the genome of a fruit fly to



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A True University Educational Experience

A friend, who is a professor at NAU, and I were talking one evening. We were both lamenting the days of our undergraduate studies. Way back then... Students and professors discussed anything of interest. Nobody screamed, "I'm offended!" just because we did not agree. In fact, we enjoyed the discussion that could only occur when we did not agree. Follow the link on our home page where a law professor talks about speaking on campuses in Canada and England. His experiences would be the same in the U.S. He speaks of the openness of Christian universities and the closed-ness of secular universities. If you want to experience college as it was designed to be and those of us who are of the older generation were fortunate to experience, attend a Christian university.

Science News to Learn By...

Organic Material in Fossils

ScienceDaily (Feb. 8, 2011) — Surprising new research shows that, contrary to conventional belief, remains of chitin-protein complex -- structural materials containing protein and polysaccharide -- are present in abundance in fossils of arthropods from the Paleozoic era.

Why is this "Surprising new research?"

The reason is because quite a bit of research has been done to investigate how fast chitin breaks down. We have several links on our home page. It turns out that after just two weeks, a lot of breakdown has occurred. It is important for sea life

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Order: Logical or comprehensible arrangement of separate elements

Organized: methodical and efficient in arrangement or function **OR** formed into a structured or coherent whole

UnOrganized: not having or belonging to a structured whole

DisOrganized: lacking order or methodical arrangement or function

our web site.

The first two types of organization require an intelligent agent because the result is a methodological arrangement or function. A simple way to think of it is this: Choices were made from more than one possibility. Only intelligence can make choices from a list of possibilities. The third is the result of deterministic natural law. Law means no choice. If there was choice in natural law, there would be no laws because there would be no consistency in results. Science could not be done without laws being deterministic... Lacking in choice.

Complexity

We attempted a definition of complexity. *Complexity is the result of two or more orders working together to produce something entirely different from any of the orders taken independently. An order consists of one or more units of something.*

Irreducible Complexity

There are two types of complexity. The first is a natural complexity. That is to say that the complexity is the result of multiple disorders working together. The complexity is strictly the result of natural laws working together. Such an order is reducible. We can use natural laws to analyze the complexity and figure out how the complexity came to be.

The second is a designed complexity. A designed complexity cannot be reduced because the laws of physics and chemistry cannot fully explain the complexity. The reason is because a point is reached where a choice was made

among two or more options. Only an intelligent designer can make a choice.

Specified Complexity

The mark of something that is organized or unorganized is that the order is designed. Choices were made. Choices are specifications. They have intent and purpose. There were options, but the best option, based on the rational thought of the designer, was chosen. Therefore, a complexity that includes at least one organized or unorganized order is specified, which equals designed.

Information

Information is therefore *specified* (it conveys an expected action and intended purpose) *complexity and a designed irreducible complexity*. Because choices are made, natural laws cannot tell us how a communication, or message, occurs. Natural law cannot describe cognitive thought.

DNA

We explained how DNA is information in a coded communication which cannot happen via natural law because it involves purpose and specified complexity. (End of review.)

Emergence

We have reached the final step. In 1996, Ilya Prigogine's book, *The End of Certainty - Time, Chaos and the New Laws of Nature* was published. Many evolutionists had realized that life cannot come from non-life and mutations and natural selection simply cannot account for evolution. Prigogine offered a new paradigm called *emergence*. In the past few years, younger evolutionists have been flocking to the idea of emergence. They have proclaimed that emergence solves all their problems. Emergence can supposedly cause life to come from non-life. Evolution is back.

Prigogine sees two heros: Probability and choice. The two heros are two perspectives of what is really the same thing. The many errors in Prigogine's logic and science are well documented. We will explain his most fundamental error in logic. On pages 30-31, he discusses determinism and choice. On page 31 he states: *...equations*

of motion remain deterministic, as in the case of Newtonian dynamics, even as a particular outcome appears random. (We covered determinism in disorganized systems in part 1 and choice in part 3.) He then spends many pages talking about the fact that it is the limits of our data collection and mathematical expressions that make our attempts to do such things as predict the future path of a hurricane a rough estimate at best. He also noted that IF we could gather all the data needed and write a mathematical expression accurately enough, we could predict exactly where a hurricane will go in the future.

Because we cannot predict the future path of a hurricane with total accuracy, that means there are several possibilities, but we don't know which one will happen. That is correct. On page 68, Prigogine makes a huge leap. He states that because we do not have the ability to calculate the future path, the *hurricane chooses* which path to take. Yes, you read that correctly. Our lack of knowledge becomes the ability for disorganization to make a choice. Of course, his statement is absurd. This is the new great hope of evolution. If hurricanes can make choices, so can chemicals. The idea of Hox genes now comes into play to explain evolution. Mutations allow Hox genes choose to become new kinds of life. We are not making this up. We have a separate article on Hox genes in the issue.

Finally, on Wikipedia, we discover that believers in emergence think that a human fetus developing in the womb is nothing more than emergence. They totally ignore the fact that DNA is information. It is DNA information that controls development of a fetus, not disorganized complexity making choices. That's one of the reasons that humans don't give birth to frogs.

In the end, emergence is nothing more than huge systems of disorganized complexity with a fancy new name. Information, we saw in the previous parts, comes from an intelligent source. The reasonable explanation: God, in the person of Jesus Christ, is the creator of the universe, you and me. CRM

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radiation or certain chemicals (we now call those chemicals mutagens) caused changes in offspring of the flies.

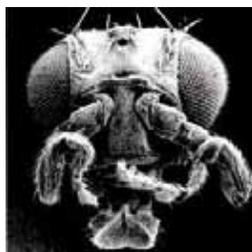
Shortly after DNA was discovered, scientists discovered that a small part of the DNA, about 3%, was used as templates to make proteins. Every component of every cell is made of proteins. They are the basic structural components of everything that lives. Proteins are made of amino acids, which are the very basic building blocks of proteins, and, therefore, of the cell. There are scores of different amino acids, but life uses only 20 of them. Think of them as letters of an alphabet. You can use them to make words which are the proteins. If the correct sequence of amino acids is formed into a string, that string can be folded to make a protein. Note that the amino acids do NOT determine how a protein is folded. Using the correct amino acids allow the correct folding, but the same amino acid will be folded differently in different proteins.

The 97% of DNA not used to determine the sequence of amino acids in proteins was termed “**Junk DNA.**” This is a term that results from ignorance. Since the scientists did not know what 97% of DNA does, it must do nothing. This was important to the evolutionists. If you read Dawkins and other evolutionists before 2000, you will find them saying that evolution requires that 97% of DNA be left over junk, no longer used. Now that it is known that 93+% of DNA is transcribed into strings of amino acids (and some of the non-transcribed DNA are control locations) most evolutionists have realized that Neo-Darwinian evolution (the latest version of evolution) cannot happen. Dawkins and a few others still think that junk DNA is junk, but they stopped being scientific in their

thinking at least 10 years ago.

The savior of this problem is Hox genes. Evolutionists who realize there is no junk DNA now think that mutations in Hox genes can result in new kinds of creatures. It seems reasonable until you know the details. Keep in mind that after 100 years and thousands of generations of fruit-flies having their Hox genes mutated, we still get only fruit flies, the vast majority of them are “dead on arrival” due to the mutations.

The photo at the right illustrates what happens when a Hox gene is mutated. This fruit fly has legs growing where the antennae should be. Three things need to be noted about these legs. First, they



are exactly the same as fruit fly legs that grow in the correct place. Second, there are no muscles attached to the legs. Third, there is no place to attach the other end of the muscle anyway. At the start of this article is a picture of a fruit fly with two sets of wings. The second set is caused by a mutated Hox gene. Again, no muscles are attached and there is no place to attach the other end of a muscle if there was one. This mutated fly cannot fly.

DNA is often compared to a computer program. A computer programmer might call Hox genes a pointer table or pointer matrix. In DNA, these Hox gene tables specify what, where, how many, and possibly other things. In the case of the misplaced legs, the table was mutated so when development called for antennae, the table pointed to legs. Therefore, legs were placed where the antennae should be.

The important thing is that the information for what an antenna is

and what a leg is remain unchanged. No information about the structures has changed. The Hox gene mutation may add extra parts, place structures such as legs in the wrong place, add parts at the wrong time in the sequence of development or skip over a part or parts. The result is a monster, usually a dead monster, that is still 100% fruit fly. A Hox gene mutation could theoretically cause extra vertebrae to appear in a human resulting in what appears to be a tail. But there

will be no muscles or other support structures to make the “tail” useful. Note that this is NOT a “throwback” to an earlier time in evolution. And, a child born with extra fingers is not a look forward to the future of mankind.

The new hope of evolution is just as doomed as the past models of evolution. Mutated Hox genes will not result in a new kind of creature. It will not result in dinosaurs giving birth to birds.

This is closely tied to emergence, which is discussed in our final article in the series on complexity in this issue. Proponents of emergence think that DNA is simply complexity that can cause a human embryo to develop into a human. It is the information in the DNA that causes a human embryo to become a human. Hox genes will not change the end result except that it will result in a mutated human, most likely, a dead, mutated human. Pick any kind of life you wish. Every study of Hox genes shows that the offspring of a creature with mutated Hox genes, is still of the same kind, just arranged incorrectly (usually harmed and most likely dead).

There is a recipe of life in DNA and the creator of the recipe is God, in the person of Jesus Christ, the creator of the universe, you and me. [CRM](#)

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that the breakdown be quick. Yet, chitin has been found with MANY fossils that are supposedly 100 of millions of years old. The evidence that fossils are the result of rapid, catastrophic burial in the recent past continues to grow at an exponential rate.

Natural Selection Doesn't Work

When you read the popular literature, it is always stated that evolution is a fact. But when you read professional journals, you read about the problems with the theory. We invite you to follow the link on our home page to an article in

Nature regarding evolution of fruit flies. Occasionally, evolutionists will publish some research where a change occurs in a single-celled creature. These always are done in a stressed environment where a change is required for survival. In this

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the north end of
uptown for good
food and good fellowship. All
men are invited. No charge.
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ecy in the book of Daniel shows us that God knows who He will be blessing and cursing in the future.

We have to ask ourselves, "Is removing a blessing the same thing as cursing?" We are not sure, but as we look at the history of countries in the Bible, particularly Israel, it appears that God blessed them when they were following Him completely and removed the blessing/cursed them, when they started following other gods. When we place out trust in human leaders to save us, we

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experiment, the genomes of fruit flies were examined after they were stressed. The result: **We conclude that, at least for life history characters such as development time, unconditionally advantageous alleles rarely arise, are associated with small net fitness gains or cannot fix because selection coefficients change over time.** Please allow us to translate: Mutations are rarely beneficial. When they do occur, the change is so small they are insignificant.

have made them our other god.

The U.S. certainly appears to have been blessed in the past. We went from nobodies before WW1 to the most prominent nation after WW2.

Now, we appear to be in decline financially and morally (as God defines immoral). China is going to pass us as an economic power in less than 10 years and their financial situation will allow them to surpass us militarily shortly after that. Interestingly, as we walk away from God's teaching, China has a fast growing Christian demographic. I learned in grad school that it can be easy to find a relationship among facts, but extremely difficult to nail down what is causing what. So, I make no claims of causation, but only point out that there are interesting relationships. Do with them as you see fit.

North Vietnam has emerged as a major regional economy and their Christian growth is among the fastest in the world. Korea has a very solid economy and is also so dominated by

Therefore, the genome is not changed by these positive mutations. Summary: Even positive mutations do not produce change.

DNA Repair

Every day, every cell of your body requires over **1,000,000** repairs to its DNA. Scientist have discovered another repair mechanism that is simply amazing. It is not "simple" to repair DNA. It takes a coordinated effort by several machines and tools (which can

Christians that they are now sending missionaries to the U.S. It appears to us that countries that are finally turning to God are being blessed and those that were blessed and have now turned from God (Western Europe and North America) are losing ground rapidly. Are we losing the blessing or being cursed? It is hard to determine the actual mechanism, but the effect is the same. Perhaps that is an indication that losing the blessing and gaining the curse are one and the same thing. Israel lost the blessing many times, but when they turned back to God, they were once again blessed.

What about us? Will our nation turn back to God and once again be abundantly blessed or will we keep marching from God down the road to destruction? **CRM**

*(Editor Note: Two issues ago, we did an article that referred to the grace that all of us enjoy via knowing right from wrong as Preventive Grace. That is not the correct term. It is correctly called **Common Grace**. We forgot to make the correction in the last issue and apologize for any confusion this may have caused)*

only be constructed based on the recipe in DNA). A link is on our home page. While on that page, check out the two videos on cell operation. One shows a roadway being built in a cell and then a robot carrying a bag of proteins needed in the cell. They are being carried in a bag. Can you calculate how much incredible, intentional, design went into those systems? We can't either. **CRM**



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QUOTE:

*There are only two possibilities as to how life arose. One is spontaneous generation arising to evolution; the other is a supernatural creative act of God. There is no third possibility. Spontaneous generation, that life arose from non-living matter was scientifically disproved 120 years ago by Louis Pasteur and others. That leaves us with the only possible conclusion that life arose as a supernatural creative act of God. I will not accept that philosophically because **I do not want to believe in God** therefore, I choose to believe in that which I know is scientifically impossible; spontaneous generation arising to evolution. **Dr. George Wald professor emeritus biology Harvard University. Nobel Prize winner in biology. The Origin of Life, Scientific American, Vol. 190, August 1954, pp. 44-53***

POINT:

The intellectuals of our nation have pointed to the path they think we should follow. They (sometimes) admit that though they are scientists, they do not want the scientific method to guide their thinking. We, the regular folks, have, for the most part, allowed those scientists to become our gods. Our society has adapted to the scientific community's vision of reality and it is without morality. We have looked away from the Creator of the universe, from our special place in His creation, and placed out faith in men who hate God. We are not surprised that our nation is crumbling.