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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.

## Seeking God

It seems that all people have a desire to seek God. Admittedly, atheists appear to have stifled the desire. Actually, they have simply turned to themselves. The rest of us realize there is a God, and none of us is Him. As we gaze into the universe or at the incredible factory system called a living cell, we are overwhelmed with the realization that reality, as we know it, was designed by an intelligence that is beyond adequate description with finite words.

Some think that God is simply a force of the universe. Others see "God" as

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



Photo by Wilson Bentley

## From Order to Emergence - Part 4

We start this article in the series with a quick review of parts 1-3... 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 our web

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Guy & Cindy Forsythe

## Devil's Tower (Summary of a paper by Michael Oard - graphics by Oard)

The Devil's Tower stands in Easter Wyoming. There are several ideas on how the tower came to be, but the most accepted explanation is that it is the throat of an extinct volcano. The fact that the tower is almost perfectly round is difficult to explain with the other proposals. The tower stands at 390 meters (425 feet) high. The area around the tower is virtually flat for many miles. A sign at the tower used to say



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## Creation Science Course at OLLI

The Osher Lifelong Learning (OLLI) Institute at the Sedona campus of Yavapai College offers many interesting courses three times a year. In the spring, they have scheduled a class on **Creation vs Naturalism**. The writer of this newsletter will be teaching the course. Currently it is scheduled for 6 consecutive Wednesday mornings, April 6 to May 11 from 9:00 AM. to 10:30 AM, room 15. Cost is \$55 for OLLI non-members. Watch for the Spring catalog of classes in the mail or call 649-4275. Even if you are a staunch believer in naturalism, you owe it to yourself to take this class. What you read about creation science in other places is simply incorrect. Come hear the facts, ask questions, and see why the evidence, from cosmology to geology, shows that creation is good science.

## Science News to Learn By...

### Best Way to Happiness

Atheists are always claiming that the Bible is hateful and confining and therefore leads to mental illness and unhappiness. They don't like science so their continued objections persist. Yet another study has been released that shows that a positive Christian attitude toward life will make

you happier than any other philosophy for living life. If atheists really cared if you are happy, they would start evangelizing for the Bible.

### Arsenic Based Life

Do you remember the big whoopy-do NASA made about a study that showed a  
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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

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 designed (end of review).

## Information

How does all this relate to information? Looking at Merriam-Webster online, we find that information is knowledge that is transmitted. To transmit knowledge, we must use language. All language is a cognitive occurrence. That is to say, that an intelligent agent is the only source of communication of knowledge via language. We can therefore summarize **information** as **Noun: An encoded, symbolic represented message conveying expected action and intended purpose.** Now let's see how that relates to order.

Information must be methodological and effective in arrangement or function. Otherwise, the resulting communication would just be babble, not coherent sentences. In other words, information is organized or unorganized. Information is never disorganized. Putting together a communication involves choice. The intelligent agent decides what is to be communicated and exactly how to communicate it.

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

**DNA** is the most highly specified and irreducible complexity occurrence ever detected by humans. It is a complex language (it has characters and syntax) which has

intent and purpose. The probability of the information in the simplest living organism occurring naturally has been estimated as low as 1 in  $10^{4000}$ , but many think the probability is more like 1 in  $10^{40,000}$ . Life is irreducibly complex. The laws of physics and chemistry cannot account for DNA, only an intelligent agent (infinitely more intelligent than a human) could design something this complex.

When Francis Crick figured out how DNA works, he realized that all the other researchers were failing because they were assuming that natural law could explain how DNA works. As he looked at the chemical bonds in DNA, he realized that natural law could only produce a short, meaningless repetition at best. He concluded that DNA had to be a coded language containing information. This allowed him to be not only a codiscoverer of the structure of DNA, but also the scientist who figured out the basic mechanism by which it works.

## Intelligent Design

At this point you can see that all attempts to explain DNA via natural laws simply cannot work. If you were to dig deeper into the structure of DNA, you would find that even random processes will not work. There may be a 1 in  $10^{40,000}$  chance it can happen randomly, but that is a misuse of statistics. If  $10^{40,000}$  cows attempt to jump across the Grand Canyon, how many will be successful? Zero. A statistician can calculate the probability, but, statistical analysis is not relevant to all situations. A scientist that follows the laws and rules of doing science must conclude that life is designed. All other positions are anti-science, anti-reason and an appeal to a religious belief that there is no God.

While those in the camp of intelligent design do not attempt to identify the creator of life, creationists have no doubt. When you look at all the evidence that the earth is young, the Bible becomes the one and only accurate description of the history of earth and man. God, in the person of Jesus Christ, is the creator of the universe, you and me. CRM



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that it took 40 million years for the sedimentary rock around the tower to erode away. That sign has been changed to say 2 million years. It seemed a bit over the top even to naturalists considering that it would take 40 million years at most to erode all of North America based on current sediment content of rivers.

Figure 1 illustrates what would happen if it took a million years for the Tower to erode. The area around the Devil's Tower gets extremely cold in the winter time. Most people think flowing water does most of the eroding of rock, but it is actually the freeze/thaw cycle that does most erosion, especially to vertical surfaces such as the side of the Devil's Tower. Oard quotes a person who lived near the Tower in the 1950s, "While living near the base of the tower in November 1954, during periods of frost action at nights one could hear blocks crash onto the talus (broken up rock at the base of a cliff). This would happen typically after a snowfall ... On a warm sunny day the snow would melt and the moisture would enter the joints (vertical cracks) in the Tower. After dark, the water would freeze and expand, which over time continues to force the blocks from the tower and build more talus." In other words, all winter long, blocks of rock were falling from the Tower.

In addition, because the snow falls on the top of the Tower and the water runs down from the top of the tower into the rock cracks, the top of the tower is going to erode much faster than the sides. But, there appears to be very little erosion around the top of the tower. This would indicate that the amount of time

the tower has been eroding is extremely short. By extremely short, we mean well less than 100,000 years.

Additionally, according to uniformitarian geologists, evidence indicates the tower is close to the same size today as when it was first exposed. On top of that, there is very little talus around the base of the tower today.

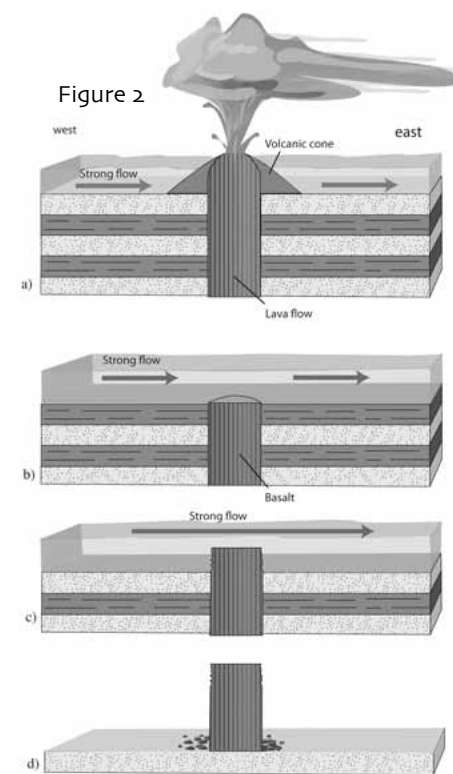
Figure 2 illustrates how the Tower most likely came to be as it is. First, the volcano formed and left a cone of hard basalt. Then rapidly moving water scraped the area flat as the flood receded. As the water lessened in quantity and force, it was able to erode the soft sediments, but no more of the hard basalt. More sediment was washed away leaving the Tower in place.

Can water really erode in that manner? Not over long periods, but it can when a huge sheet (100's of cubic miles of water) flows over a surface. Only Noah's flood can create such a huge sheet of drainage water. There are examples all over the world of this kind of action, including right here in Sedona.

Every flattop mountain you see is evidence of this rapid sheet drainage form Noah's flood. Airport mesa, Doe Mountain and many other unnamed mesas in Sedona, plus thousands of mesas on the Colorado Plateau are the remains of rapid sheet erosion. At today's rates of erosion, the largest flat drainage area we get is about .3 square miles. These flat drainage areas on the Colorado Plateau and elsewhere are thousands of square miles in size. The amount of water needed to erode these flat surfaces is more than enormous.

Meas throughout the world were carved in the same way the Dev-

il's tower was. A huge sheet of water eroded a huge flat surface (known as a planar surface). As the water becomes more shallow and moves slower, it loses erosion power and spots in the sediment that are just a little harder than the surrounding sediment does not get eroded. The tops are flat, but steep sided mesas and spires result, sticking up off the flat floor around them. You will also notice, when you view them up close, that there is almost no talus around these mesas and spires. They aren't very old.



The evidence of Noah's Flood is worldwide and plentiful. CRM

Photos below by the author  
Page, AZ



Doe Mtn., Sedona, AZ



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microbe was using arsenic in its DNA? Did you notice that a few days later, nothing more was said? NASA has once again shown it is more concerned about protecting the religion of naturalism than doing real science. Within a few days, scientists from all over the world

had shown that the study drew false conclusions that were not based on the data. There is **no** new arsenic-based life.

### College and the Bible

It has always been preached (by secularists) that the educated people of the world reject Biblical principles.

A new study shows that if you have traditional Christian values in your philosophy of life, you are probably well educated. A link is on our web site. So, if you are educated and happy, you probably like your Bible.

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## Men's Breakfast Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM

And the **LAST** Saturday Morning *most* months

Come to Way-side Chapel at the north end of uptown for good food and good fellowship. All men are invited. No charge. *See you there!*



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an emptying of themselves so they can become one with the universe. Both of these views see God as something indistinct. But indistinct force or existence does not create a living cell. Naturalists have joined forces with the new age, attempting to discover this indistinct force. The naturalist is attempting to show that there are laws of physics and chemistry that will create life. It is a great theory, but research has shown it not only does not happen, it cannot happen.

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#### Birds and Dinosaurs

In spite of finding after finding that birds did not evolve from dinosaurs, some naturalists just can't give up on the idea. *Scientific American* reports that fossils of modern (supposedly much more developed than the original) birds are found in the fossil record right along with dinosaurs. Supposedly, birds could

Romans 3 in the Bible opened my eyes to the dilemma. I realized, that like most people, I was not seeking a God of love and creativity, a designer with ultimate purpose for my life. Like most folks, I was seeking a God who was my personal slave. How foolish that I (we) would think that the infinite Creator should be a slave to the finite created.

I looked back at the previous 29 years and saw what I really was... a fallible, self-centered human looking for more power to exert myself (and make an even bigger mess of my life!). Fortunately, God's plan is that we make less of ourselves, and look to His love and power to guide us into the greatest possible abundance in this life.

Please note that by abundance I am not referring to the "name it - claim it" false teaching that says that God wants us all to be rich. I would ask those people to explain that theology to the thousands of Christian sex slaves in the Sudan and other places.

not become more developed until after the dinosaurs died out. Wrong again. Developed birds were buried with dinosaurs in the Flood of Noah.

#### Dawkins Change of Heart?

Richard Dawkins has made a lot of money preaching how religions are a pox on humanity. Of course, he doesn't consider his own religion, atheism, to be a religion because then he would have to

Abundance is merely the giving up of one's self, not as the Buddhist might do to empty himself of every thought, but to fill my thoughts to overflowing with God. This is an ugly world because of the depraved nature of man. God is the cure for our affliction. And, God promises a full cure for those who seek Him.

Are you ready to start seeking God? It is easy. Ask Jesus to become the sole purpose for your life. Admit to the Creator of the universe, you and me, that He is, indeed, the Creator. Confess the evil you have done (I had plenty to confess! Still do day today). Make right that which you can make right in your relationships. Start reading the Bible and ask God to give you insight into His word. Find a good Bible-teaching church where you can grow in wisdom and knowledge of God's desire for your life of service to Him. Call us if you have questions... (928) 282-2433. CRM

consider the 100's of millions of people slaughtered by atheist rulers in the past century. He states that he has noticed that Christians don't blow up innocent bystanders out buying groceries. "I have mixed feelings about the decline of Christianity, insofar as Christianity might be a bulwark against something worse." Yeah, like atheism. At least his eyes are no longer totally closed. CRM

### QUOTE:

*Theologians generally are delighted with the proof that the universe had a beginning, but astronomers are curiously upset. Their reactions provide an interesting demonstration of the response of the scientific mind—supposedly a very objective mind—when evidence uncovered by science itself leads to a conflict with the articles of faith in our profession. It turns out that the scientist behaves the way the rest of us do when our beliefs are in conflict with the evidence. We become irritated, we pretend the conflict does not exist, or we paper it over with meaningless phrases.* Robert Jastrow, *God and the Astronomers*

### POINT:

We communicate with naturalists from time to time. Sometimes I bring up the problem that the Big Bang violates the laws of thermodynamics. You cannot get something for nothing. The response is usually that the Big Bang does not include the actual start of the universe. But NASA disagrees. NASA says that the Big Bang includes the origin of the universe. The origin of life from nonlife is another place where the naturalist just simply refuses to deal with the situation. As our series on complexity is showing, life simply had to be designed. Philosophical naturalism proposes a scenario that starts at the Big Bang and ends with you and me. Every step of the way must have naturalistic causes, including the start of life. Those parts of the scenario that are so scientifically unreasonable that they can't be defended are refuted with character assassination or denial that it is part of naturalistic philosophy to discuss that aspect. Another common statement is, "We just don't know. Nobody knows for sure." Of course, if they think THEY have an answer, then it is, "We have a pretty good idea." It seems to us they only require a "pretty good idea" from themselves, but absolute proof from creationists.