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But Jesus answered, "I tell you, if these (his followers) become silent, the stones will cry out!" Luke 19:40

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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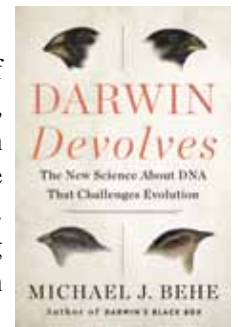
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SEPTEMBER 26, 2020

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Darwin Devolves

In the last two issues, we discussed the problems with the theory of Evolution. The primary problem is that of junk DNA, or actually, the fact that there is virtually no junk DNA, at least not in the human genome (and probably virtually no junk DNA in any genome). The lack of junk DNA virtually falsifies the current theory of evolution. In this article we will look at the process of evolution. Examining the processes of evolution will tell us about the theory of evolution and how it really works.

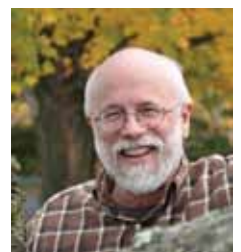
Let's start by looking at where evolutionists and creationists agree about the theory of Evolution. We both agree on the following: New species do arrive due to changes in DNA, there are common ancestors such as a common ancestor for the horse and zebra. We know they have a common ancestor because horses and



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Behe Vindicated

When Michael Behe released his book, *The Edge of Evolution*, he was immediately criticized as being all wrong in what he had to say. Yet, two years after the book was released, *Nature* published a paper that supports Behe's conclusion. (Bridgham, J.T., Ortlund, E.A., and Thornton, J.W. 2009. "An epistatic ratchet constrains the direction of glucocorticoid receptor



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Quantum Mechanics and Origins

Quantum Physics is said to question classic physics. The reasoning goes like this. Classic physics, such as the law of gravity or the laws of motion, are deterministic. That means that they will tell you exactly what will happen in a given set of circumstances and nothing else can happen. Or, put another way, the laws tell you what must happen and all the many things that cannot happen.

But quantum physics is quite different.

Often there are a number of possibilities of what can happen. What ends up happening is sometimes dependant on when the phenomenon is actually observed! Or a photon of light might behave like a wave until it is observed and sud- See [Quantum](#) on page 4



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zebras can breed together and have viable offspring. Brown bears and polar bears, all the dog breeds, tigers and lions, and many other creatures can interbreed. This indicates they have a common ancestor. There is no doubt some creatures have a common ancestor that cannot successfully interbreed due to mutations.

The one place that creationists and evolutionists disagree is the idea that there is a **Last Universal Common Ancestor**, usually indicated by the acronym: **LUCA**. In other words, a single cell came into existence billions of years ago and then evolved into all of the creatures we see alive today and many that have become extinct over the millions of years.

The evolutionist contends that the small changes we see (often referred to as *micro* evolution), that results in new species, can **build up** until one kind of creature becomes another kind of creature (often referred to as *macro* evolution), such as dinosaurs turning into birds.

I used the term “**build up**” for a very good reason. Mutations that occur in micro evolution must generally increase information and functions within the cell or creature if a single cell is going to evolve to be a human being.

When nothing was known about DNA it was not an unreasonable assumption that micro evolution could result in macro evolution. Researchers had absolutely no idea about how a cell works. But now we know about DNA and how a cell works so we can truly investigate this possibility. To know what evolution means in any sentence, you have to look at the context.

Two basic facts immediately bring suspicion upon the theory of evolution. The first is that there is no junk DNA

and as we saw before, the current theory **requires** junk DNA. The second fact is entropy. Everything goes from complex to less complex. We simply don't see things going from less complex to more complex.

You may protest that there are situations where entropy seems to be reversed and the less complex becomes more complex. A great example is a hurricane. Heat from the ocean provides energy that can be used by the physics of a hurricane to increase the force of that hurricane and it can become better organized. But hurricanes do not turn trees into 2x4s, they turn 2x4s into trash. The only time that a reversal of entropy results in a true increase in organization or function is when there is a device created by an intelligent designer that controls that energy. For example, heat can be used to generate electricity which then can run a saw which can turn a tree into 2x4s.

So what we need to find is mutations that create new, expanded functions. Such mutations could result in lower forms of life (less complex such as a sponge) evolving into higher forms of life (more complex such as humans).

Evolutionists have searched for such mutations and have come up empty. What evolutionists have found contradicts the theory of evolution as I will describe next.

Let's start with one of the most famous supposed examples “proving” evolution... Darwin's Finches (see at right).

After observing the finches on the Galápagos Islands, Darwin concluded that there were many different species that came about over several million years. Evolutionists Peter and Rosemary Grant lived among and stud-

ied the finches for several decades. They published their findings several years ago. Here is what they found.

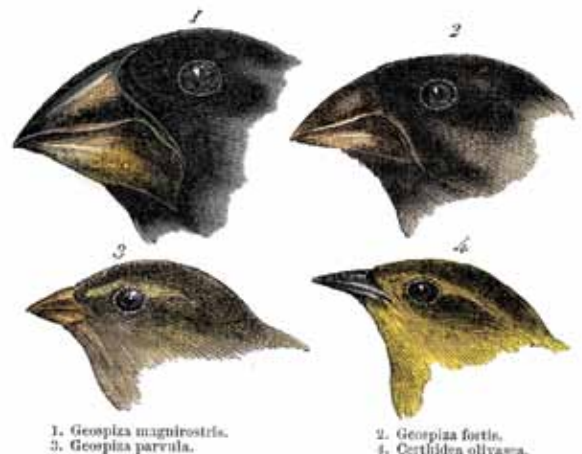
Evolutionists have been excited to report that the beaks of the finches change in size based on food availability. Food availability was based on drought conditions. When drought came, many plants went dormant and only plants with larger seeds continued to produce seeds. As a result, finches with smaller beaks were reduced in number by up to 85%. This is evolution in action. The problem is that once the rains returned, everything, including the size of the finch beaks, returned to the way they were. No net change.

It was also observed that six species of ground finches are actually one species. In addition, all 14 species may actually be one species. The Grants comment that this has “been going on for a million generations ... involving a cumulative total of billions of birds.” The result? Finches remain finches with virtually no change.

On page 183 of *Darwin Devolves*, Behe states, “The amazing but, in retrospect, unsurprising fact established by the diligent work of many investigators in laboratory evolution over decades is that the great majority of even beneficial positively selected mutations damage an organisms genetic information—either degrading or outright destroying functional coded elements.”

Let me give you a few examples.

Brown (grizzly) bears and polar bears: These two species of bears interbreed in captivity and the wild. (I have a link on our web site home page that



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takes you to five short videos that details all of this.)

Two primary features that distinguish polar bears from brown bears is their white fur and layer of blubber (fat). Both characteristics are caused by single mutations. In both cases the mutation causes a gene to stop functioning. They are loss of function, not gain, at the genetic level. In the case of fur color, a mutation in a single gene stops the gene from functioning. The gene that is disabled happens to be the gene that give brown bears their brown fur. When the gene doesn't work, fur will have no color, resulting in white fur. This is a huge advantage to polar bears as they live in the arctic and need the white camouflage to hunt successfully.

Dogs have many different characteristics regarding fur color, length, curliness, etc. The differences are all caused by simple mutations that result in a gene LOSING function. I will give a few examples here. Large muscle mass in some dogs is controlled in part by a gene called "myostatin." Damage the gene so it doesn't work and the dog is very muscular. A Yellow Lab is yellow because the receptor that allows "melanocortin 1" to be transcribed is damaged resulting in the gene being unavailable. By the way, that receptor is part of "Junk DNA." Short tails are the result of loss of function of the "T" gene. The friendliness of dogs toward humans is the result of disruption of the "GTF21" and "GTF21RDI" genes.

We find this effect of broken genes giving advantage in all kinds of critters. What about humans? Sherpas that guide adventurers up Mt. Everest can carry lots of weight at high altitude. They have broken genes. 16 secular scientists wanted to know why so they did a DNA analysis. They found 30 DNA differences that made a difference. The researchers state that some *might* be change in existing information (not new novel genes), but the researchers state that several of the mutations are loss of information.

Richard Lenski has done the most incredible experiment in evolution research ever done. For 30 years and counting he has worked with E. COLI, documenting mutational changes that

have occurred. Early in the experiment, the E. COLI started growing faster. Upon investigation, he found that a gene had been destroyed with the result that growth could occur faster. Many more changes were observed over the years. It was discovered that all of the (positive) changes were the result of broken genes.

But sometimes it is not genes being harmed. Sometimes it is the work of the amazing super-computer control system known as our DNA genome.

Evolutionists used to say that evolution would always happen slowly. Creationists have always said that creatures would evolve (micro) quickly after Noah's Flood as they adapted to radically new environments. Time and time again creationists have been shown to be accurate in their prediction. In 1971 biologists moved five adult pairs of Pod Mrcarum lizards from one island to a different one with a significantly different environment. 36 years later they found huge differences including much larger heads and big changes in the digestive tract. The new island vegetation is much tougher than the original island, hence the changes. Evolutionists, still living in the theory of the 1980s, would say that the changes were the result of unusually frequent mutations. Wrong. The researchers compared the DNA and found it was unchanged! What happened is something most evolutionists are having a hard time coming to grips with: epigenetic changes. The incredible intelligence built into DNA (the "Junk DNA") detects changes in the environment and modifies gene expression appropriately.

In the case of mutations giving an advantage to a creature, *it is always a loss of process/information*. Evolution requires many additions of sophisticated information and processes. *Not a single example has ever been discovered.*

This also explains extinction. A mutation that improves survival in one environment will not necessarily help when the environment changes. Imagine you are 200 miles from a gas station. Your car won't make it there, but your life depends on it. Remove the hood, seats, the convertible top, anything to lighten the weight so you get better gas

evolution." *Nature* 461:515-519.)

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No papers have been published that contradict Behe's conclusions in either book. Several atheists, who hate God, have published comments on their blogs or web pages. But none of those comments mention scientific experiments that contradict Behe's conclusions. Those atheists have simply invoked the logical fallacy of motivated reasoning. They just can't stand the idea that there is a creator God.

After release of Behe's book, *Darwin Devolves*, the critics were at him again. But shortly after the book was released a Harvard molecular geneticist vindicated Behe's main argument in the book. (Andrew W. Murray, "Can Gene-Inactivating Mutations Lead to Evolutionary Novelty?" *Current Biology*, 30(10); R465-R471) This newsletter's first article explains how Darwinian evolution operates exactly opposite of how atheists claim it does.

God does exist. Jesus stands at the door and waits for you to open it and let him in. You will still have tribulation in this world. But you will have joy that you cannot imagine even during tribulation.

Please do not let others deceive you into joining them in hell after this life. God, in the person of Jesus, is the Creator of you, me and the universe. CRM

mileage. You make it and life goes on. But if a thunderstorm comes along, you are in for a tough time and the items you need are gone forever, Now you understand how evolution really works. It follows entropy. Mutations, hence evolution, are steadily downhill to extinction.

God, in the person of Jesus is the only remedy for entropy. Only Jesus can revive your some-day-dead body and give it eternal Life. You can also have amazing joy in this life. Call on His Name! Jesus is waiting for you! CRM

Quantum from page 1 denly it acts like a particle. I am not going to give a full lesson in the quantum effects of quantum physics (mechanics). I will discuss two things that are related.

Multiple Dimensions: String theory proposes that there are a number of dimensions beyond the dimensions you and I deal with every day. The dimensions we live in are width, height, depth (the three physical dimensions) and space-time, though we mostly know of space-time indirectly.

New Age proponents have made many claims about the possibilities these extra dimensions afford. Be aware that they are ALL speculation. I repeat, ALL ideas about extra dimensions are speculative. We cannot measure or observe these extra dimensions... If they even exist!

But I am going to speculate on one extra dimension. Let's just call it the Heaven dimension. One way a New Ager will refer to it in terms of "astral projection." Astral projection is the ability for your consciousness to leave the body and have awareness while apart from the body. You might be surprised to hear that there is Biblical support for this idea. 2 Corinthians 12:2 states: *I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a man was caught up to the third heaven.* I think (remember this is speculation, NOT

doctrine!) that the apostle Paul was taken into the "heaven dimension." Jesus suddenly appeared in a room in John 20:19-21: *So when it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."* Notice that the doors were shut and Jesus appeared, apparently out of nowhere. In addition the Bible states in Luke 17:20-22: *Now having been questioned by the Pharisees as to when the kingdom of God was coming, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed; nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or, 'There it is!' For behold, the kingdom of God is in your midst."* I believe these verses support the idea that God's kingdom is right here with us in the Heaven dimension. And, that it is possible for living humans to go to that dimension. BUT, for a human to go there, it requires a direct act of Jesus. Another example of going to the Heaven dimension is when a girl suffers sexual abuse and seeks counseling then or as an adult, the psychologist will ask her, "Where were you when this was occurring?" God, in His amazing mercy, removes her being from her body.

Now, let's get to the bottom of all this. To do that we have to go to Genesis 3:4-5: The serpent said to the woman, *"You surely will not die! For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God,*

knowing good and evil." This was a half-truth. Adam and Eve (and as a result all of us) went from innocence to knowing good and evil. And though they did not die at that moment, their sin resulted in death for them and all of us.

The point is that Satan appears as an angel of light. He does not tell outright lies. He deceives with half-truths. **Do not be deceived!** Satan convinces you that you can control the power in the Heaven dimension. He wants you to take that power as an idol. But Satan cannot grant you access. Only Jesus can. Satan always wants you to idolize and worship the creation instead of the Creator (Romans 1:18-25).

In fact, we are restricted to the good ol' dimensions we live in. Consider the New Horizon Mission to Pluto. That spacecraft took five years to get to Pluto. Using the laws of gravity and motion, NASA calculated a path that used Jupiter to double the spacecraft speed. An amazing accomplishment. At no point did someone ask, "What about quantum mechanics?" Quantum effects occur at the sub-atomic level. They have no effect on our lives. But Jesus can use them as He, the Creator, wishes for the furthering of His plan and in mercy to us.

God, in the person of Jesus, is the creator of quantum mechanics, the Heaven dimension, the universe, you and me. All for His plan and Glory! Praise Jesus for His love for us! Heaven waits for His disciples! CRM

QUOTE:

Look up the meaning of the logical fallacy of "Motivated Reasoning."

Unknown. Sent to us in reaction to this newsletter.

Motivated reasoning is confirmation bias taken to the next level. Motivated reasoning leads people to confirm what they already believe, while ignoring contrary data. But it also drives people to develop elaborate rationalizations to justify holding beliefs that logic and evidence have shown to be wrong. Motivated reasoning responds defensively to contrary evidence, actively discrediting such evidence or its source without logical or evidentiary justification. Clearly, motivated reasoning is emotion driven. It seems to be assumed by social scientists that motivated reasoning is driven by a desire to avoid cognitive dissonance. Self-delusion, in other words, feels good, and that's what motivates people to vehemently defend obvious falsehoods.

From <http://www.skeptdic.com/motivatedreasoning.html>.

POINT:

This exactly defines those who believe in evolution. All the evidence points to Devolution. The genetic code is degrading exactly as we would expect from the law of entropy. ALL mutations that result in an advantage have been shown to be the result of the LOSS of a function (as described in this newsletter). Those who believe in evolution will not discuss the facts, the evidence. They continue to believe the myth that mutations add functions. Research doesn't matter to evolutionists. They hate the fact of a Creator God.