How Does Evolution “Work”? by Tom Heinze

Evolutionists who don’t believe in God try to explain the amazing perfection of living things as if they had no designer. They tell us that first a simple life form resembling a bacterium appeared and from it, evolved all the more complex living things: fish, monkeys, and people are examples.

How?
Accidental genetic changes called mutations cause some of the differences among individuals. Evolutionists believe that, over a period of many years natural selection chose the individuals that had the best mutations.

Big problem: Mutations are random undirected changes in the structure of organisms, so as a rule they make things worse instead of better. When I was younger, universities were learning about mutations by studying mutant fruit flies. Being convinced that all the forms of life around us today had evolved from less advanced organisms through mutations, they expected to find fruit flies that had been improved by their mutations. However, when scientists checked out the fruit flies, instead of finding that mutations had improved them, they found damaged fruit flies. It was like studying cars that have been in wrecks to identify the wrecks that changed Fords into Lincolns. The evidence shows that wrecks make cars worse. The same was true of the mutant fruit flies. None of them became Lincolns, horse flies or men.

Mutations make things worse! That is a problem evolutionists don’t like to associate with evolution. Their whole evolutionary belief system relies on natural selection as a force adding the improvements that make things better. When I was younger, universities were learning about mutations by studying mutant fruit flies. It can’t be that mutations transformed bacteria into fish, frogs, monkeys, and you. That’s why I say that evolution is a faith based theory! It is not based on what mutations have been observed to do, but on faith that:

• Mutations at some time must have improved things rather than damaging them like they do now.
• As natural selection was choosing among the variations, some of which were beneficial, it is irrational faith unsupported by evidence.

Good design has another source. To figure out what it is, try asking yourself: “What really made Fords, Lincolns, and Ferraris?” It was not wrecks plus selection! The cars were intelligently designed! So were you!

Natural selection is also limited. It can’t make Ferraris by sorting among wrecked Fords. It can’t even evolve a Ford into a Mercury or a Lincoln! All you can get by selecting among wrecked Fords are wrecked Fords. Likewise, all you can get by selecting among mutant bacteria, are mutant bacteria. Good designs are made by good designers, not by choosing among wrecks.

Evolutionists are in a difficult position. What they have to work with are mutations and natural selection, neither of which can make new organs or make men out of bacteria. Evolutionists are stuck having to pretend that either mutations make things better or that natural selection does. Actually, mutations make things worse, and natural selection chooses among them. Selecting among wrecked Fords does not produce Mercuries or Lincolns, and certainly not Ferraris. Neither do wrecked bacteria become fish and people. Nevertheless, those who choose to believe in evolution trust that in the past, huge numbers of mutations did the opposite of what mutations are actually doing. With the aid of natural selection, they believe that mutations transformed bacteria into fish, frogs, monkeys, and you. That’s why I say that evolution is a faith based theory! It is not based on what mutations have been observed to do, but on faith that:

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Evolution and the UFO Connection

Although decades of research and investigations in many nations have concluded that no “extra-terrestrial craft” are circling the earth, the “Unidentified Flying Objects” phenomenon continues to this day. The assumed “fact” of evolution has served as one pseudo-scientific justification for the widespread belief in visitations from extra-terrestrial beings, while modern culture is inundated with science-fiction books, movies and TV shows about “aliens”. Also, multitudes of people worldwide have claimed to have seen UFOs.

Our October speaker, Dr. Thomas Kindell,* will explore this subject with a well illustrated presentation, demonstrating what six evidences should exist if UFOs were best explained as truly “alien spacecraft”. We’ll see that these six necessities are either wildly improbable or impossible—as science fiction does not always make for the best science!

Additionally, parallels between UFO phenomena and occult phenomena will be examined. For example, the contents of some supposed messages from “extra-terrestrials” are identical to messages long received by mediums and mystics.

This month’s DSA meeting will be held on Saturday, October 18, 2008, from 9 to 11:30 AM. Be sure to join us as answers will be offered to many common questions about UFOs and aliens—from a Biblical perspective!

*Dr. Thomas Kindell was once an ardent believer in the “fact” of evolution. However, through his exposure to the scientific case for creation, he became a zealous creationist. He has received advanced training in scientific creationism through the Graduate School of the Institute for Creation Research in La Sierra, California. He also has studied Christian Apologetics and Biblical-Scientific Creationism at California Graduate School of Theology where he received his M.A. in Biblical Studies. He holds a Doctorate in Philosophy of Theology (major in philosophy of Biblical apologetics).

Dr. Kindell is the founder and president of Reasons for Faith Ministries, Inc., a non-profit ministry dedicated to equipping Christian believers to “give every man an answer” for their faith.

He has also successfully debated the scientific case for creation against notable evolutionists on high school and college campuses, radio, and television. Dr. Kindell is a frequent guest on the radio series “Science, Scripture & Salvation” which is produced by the Institute for Creation Research, and is the author of the acclaimed book, “Evolution on Trial”.

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