

Creation vs. Evolution



What is 'Evolution'?

- The 'Scientific theory' of how life on Earth originated.
- BUT – not scientific, and not even a theory.
- Scientific method: needs [control] experiment[s], double blind trials, be capable of being reproduced.
- Chemistry & physics are all sciences. Experiments.
- Evolution can't be tested, tried, attempted.
- *Not a theory* – it can't be put to the test.
- Evolution is (at best) a *philosophy*, at worst a dogmatic religious belief.

Instead, Creation

- Basic problem is that for 150 years, all evolution ideas have been comprehensively disproved by scientists.
- ALL EVIDENCE shows Bible is right about creation.
- EVERYTHING in nature is easily explained by creation. Impossible through an undirected process based on random small steps.
- Evidence that life was *designed*, by a designer.
- The world around us is full of evidence for this.

An example...

- Was this watch designed, or did it arise by a series of events that can be explained by natural means?



- No matter how ‘clever’ the argument against, the evidence is crying out that this watch was designed.
- Yet despite seeing much more complex examples in nature, most deny all possibility of a designer...

Creation or Evolution?

- Evidence that demonstrate Creation:
 - Irreducible complexity
 - Meaningful patterns
 - Fine-tuned universe
 - Intelligent designer
 - Co-dependence of species
 - The most obvious explanation!
- These all converge on Biblical Creation.

Irreducible Complexity

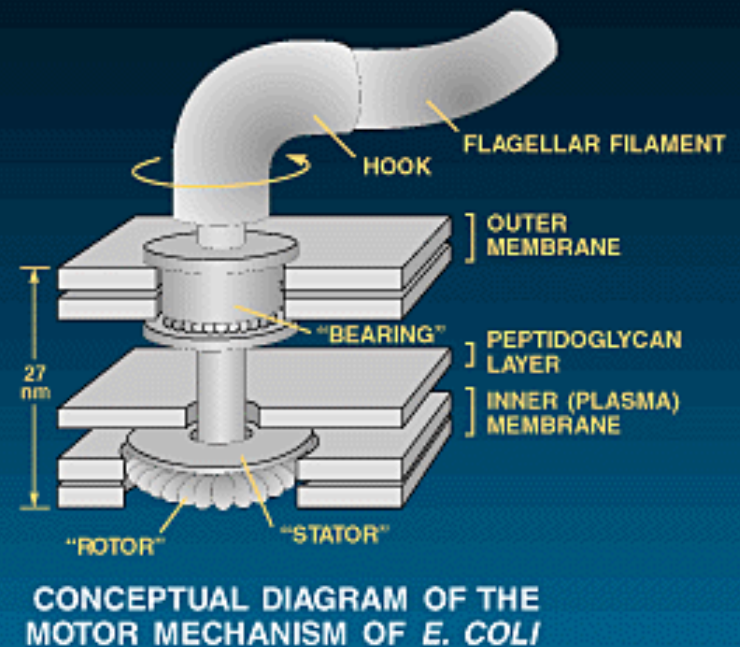
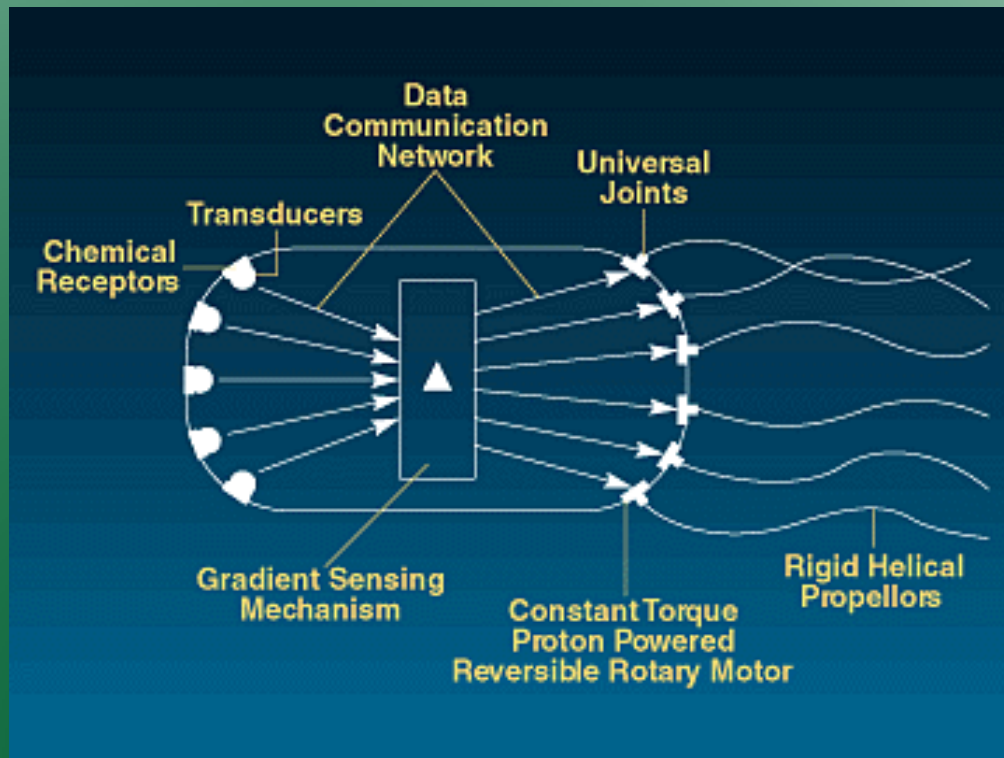
- An irreducibly complex system is one “composed of several well-matched, interacting parts that contribute to the basic function, wherein the removal of any one of the parts causes the system to effectively cease functioning.”
- In *The Origin of Species*, Darwin said, “If it could be demonstrated that any complex organ existed which could not possibly have been formed by numerous, successive, slight modifications, my theory would absolutely break down.”

Irreducible Complexity

- Darwin said this because irreducible complexity needs a designer.
- Think back to the watch example.
- As it turns out, nature is full of examples of this.

Irreducible Complexity

- Take a simple, single-celled organism – E-coli



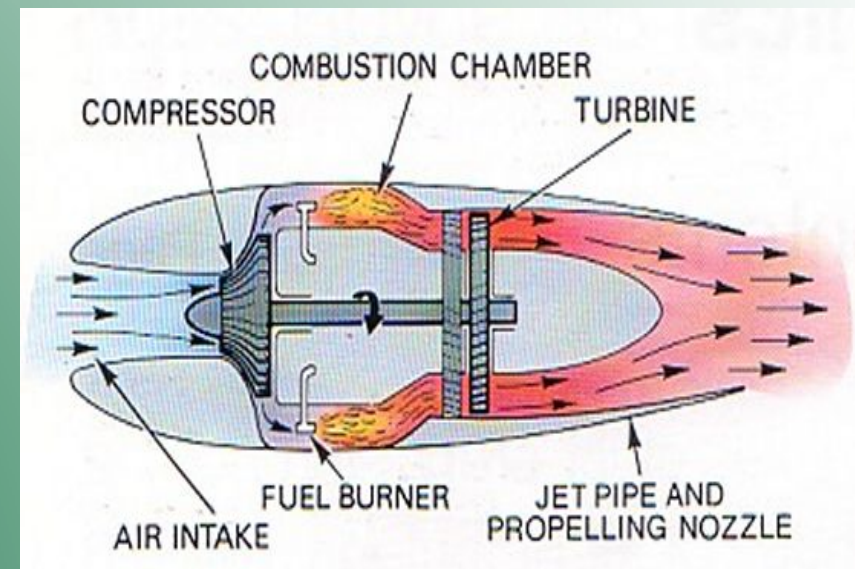
Irreducible Complexity

- Carnivorous plants - Venus Flytrap



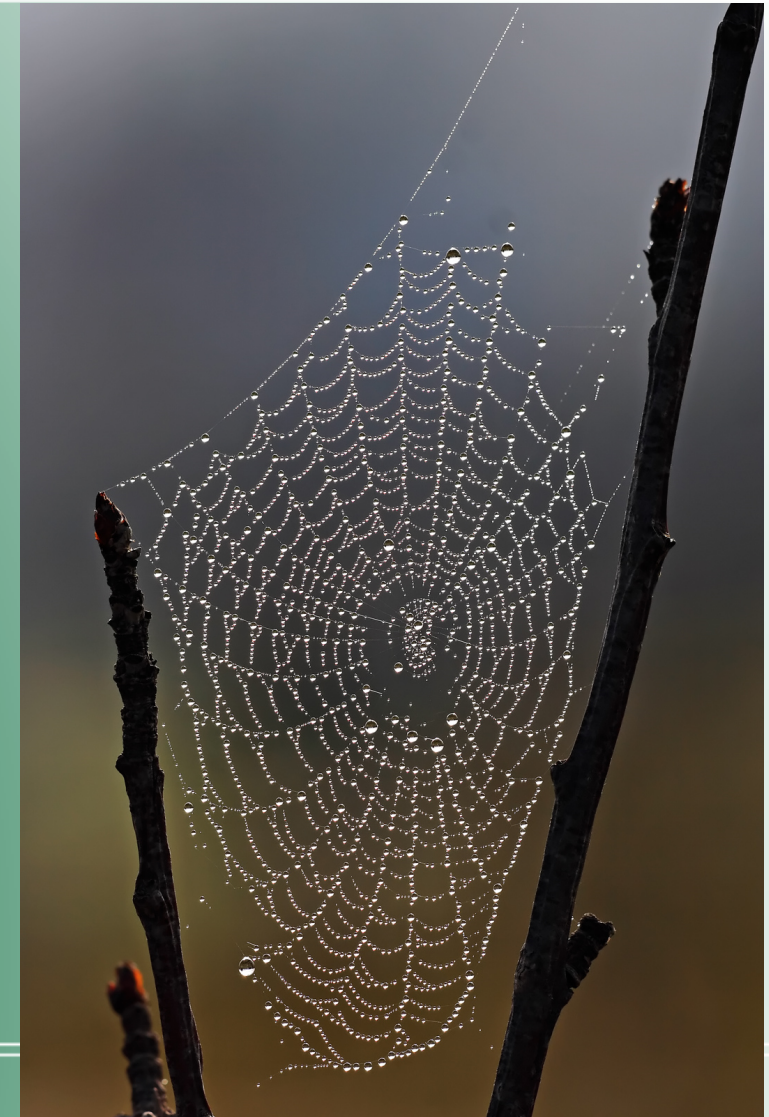
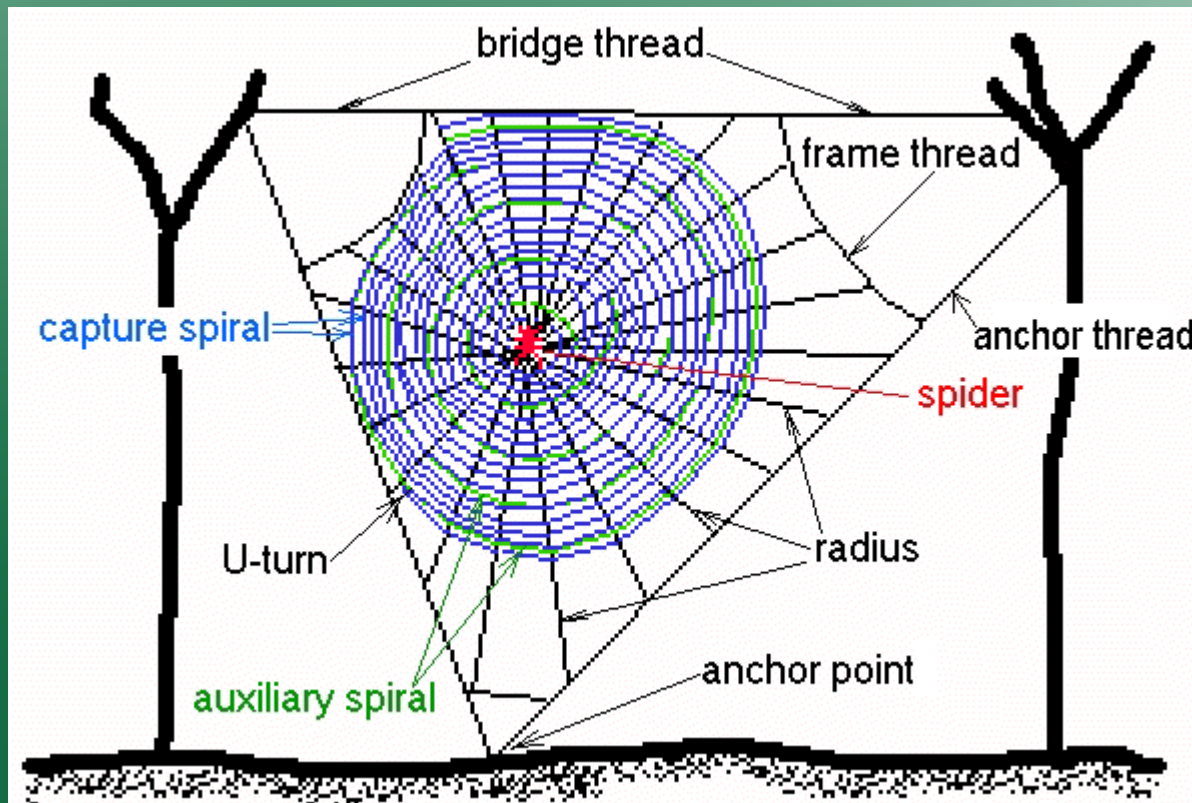
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- Bombardier beetle



Irreducible Complexity

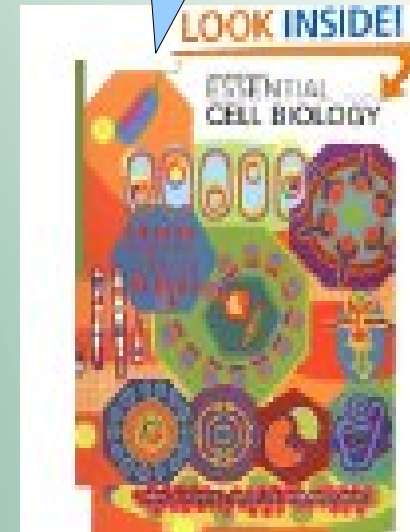
- Spider's web



Irreducible Complexity

- **A Single Cell:**
 - Cell walls to keep the cell intact
 - Mitochondria → power production
 - Reproduction, division
 - ‘Brain’ or nucleus
 - A cell is like a living factory
- *Everything has to be there all at once – it can't slowly build up over billions of years.*

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Irreducible Complexity

- **Human body:**
 - Heart, kidneys, liver, lungs
 - Skin System / Cardiovascular System
 - Circulatory System
 - Auto-immune / Defence System
 - Central Nervous System / Digestive System
 - Reproductive System / Waste System
 - Structural (Skeletal) System
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Meaningful Patterns

- A meaningful pattern is one that is unlikely to occur by chance.
- It is impossible for meaningful patterns to exist in things formed by unguided processes.
- Therefore, the fact that meaningful patterns can be found in living things indicates some kind of guidance in their formation, which is indicative of intelligence and therefore a Creator.
- Let's look at some examples!

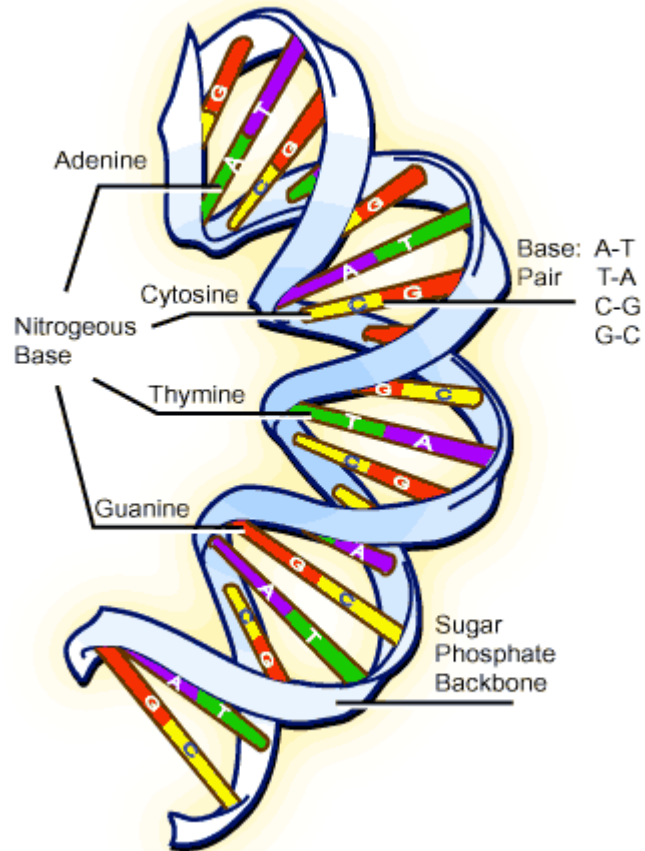
Meaningful Patterns

- An obvious example...



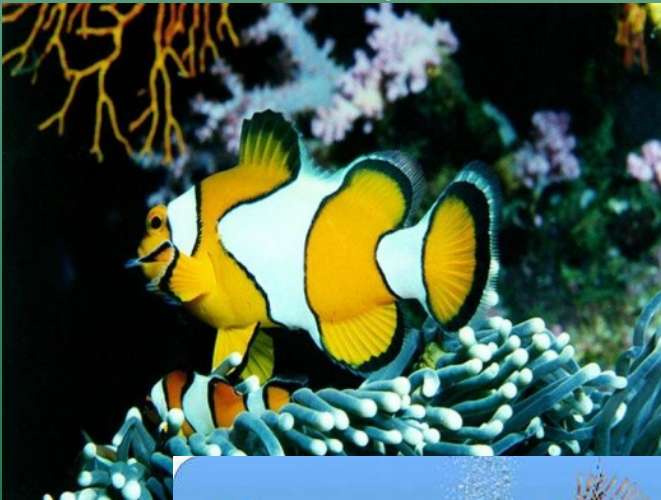
Meaningful Patterns

- An example from nature – DNA



Meaningful Patterns

- Beauty and colours in fish, plants, butterflies, etc.



Meaningful Patterns

- Similar patterns where one is poisonous but the other not. Hundreds of examples in nature.
- Coral snake, false coral snake
- Wasp, hoverfly
- Cow parsley, Fool's Parsley
- Sweet Violet, Dog Violet
- Sweet Chestnut, Horse Chestnut

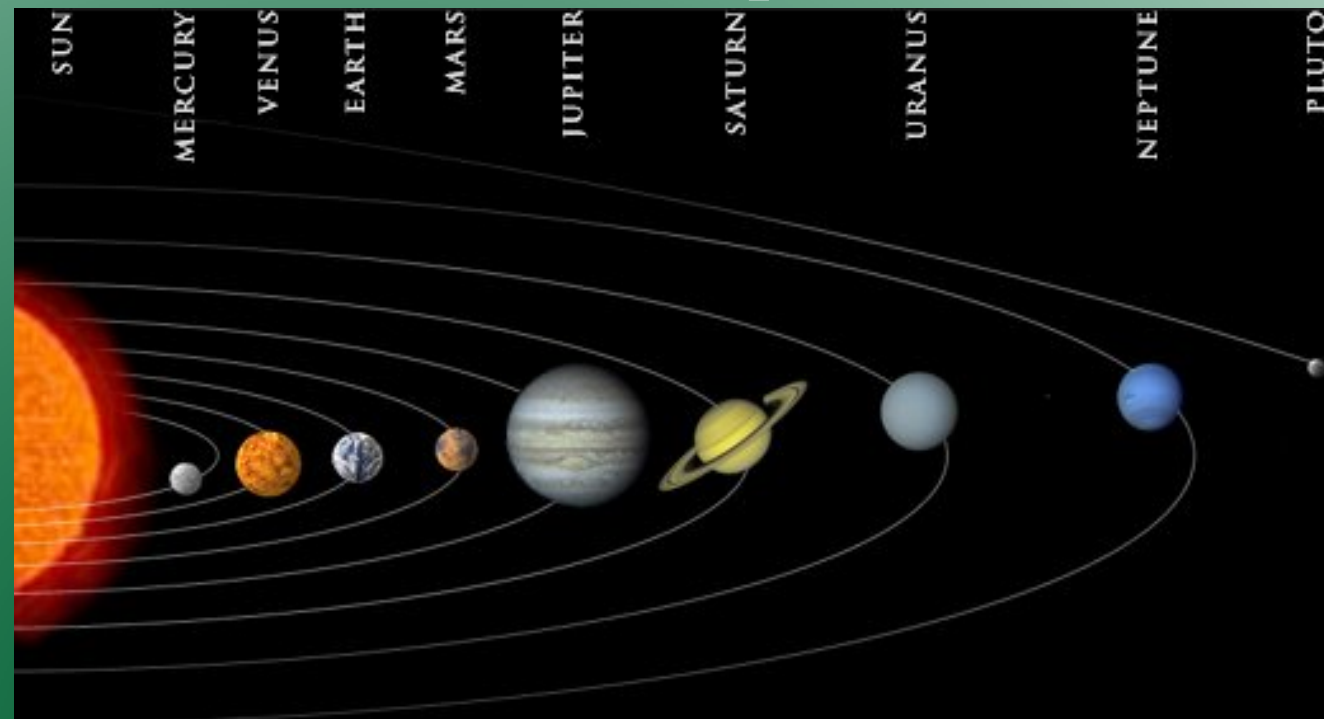


A Fine-tuned Universe

- The universe is fine-tuned – i.e. the conditions that allow life in the universe can only occur when certain universal physical constants lie within a very narrow range.
- If any of several fundamental constants were only slightly different, life on earth would cease.

A Fine-tuned Universe

- The universe – planets, etc.



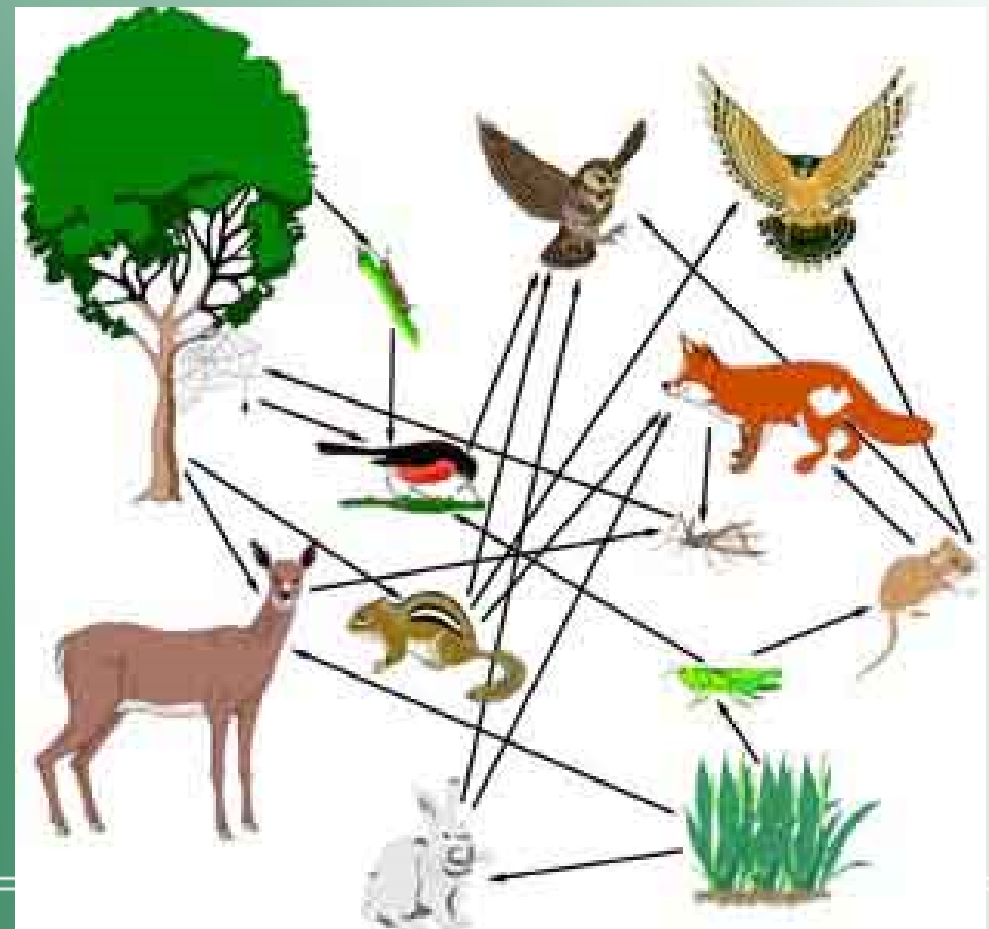
A Fine-tuned Universe

- The Earth is designed for life...
- The right size
- The right shape
- Balance of oxygen just right
- Holds an atmosphere
- No dangerous elements
- Right distance from the sun
- Has one large moon



An Intelligent Designer

- Nature shows intelligent, thoughtful design.
- A cycle of life.
- Sun to provide energy.
- Plants as the basis.
- Insects
- Food chain, so all animals have food.
- Lots of dependencies.

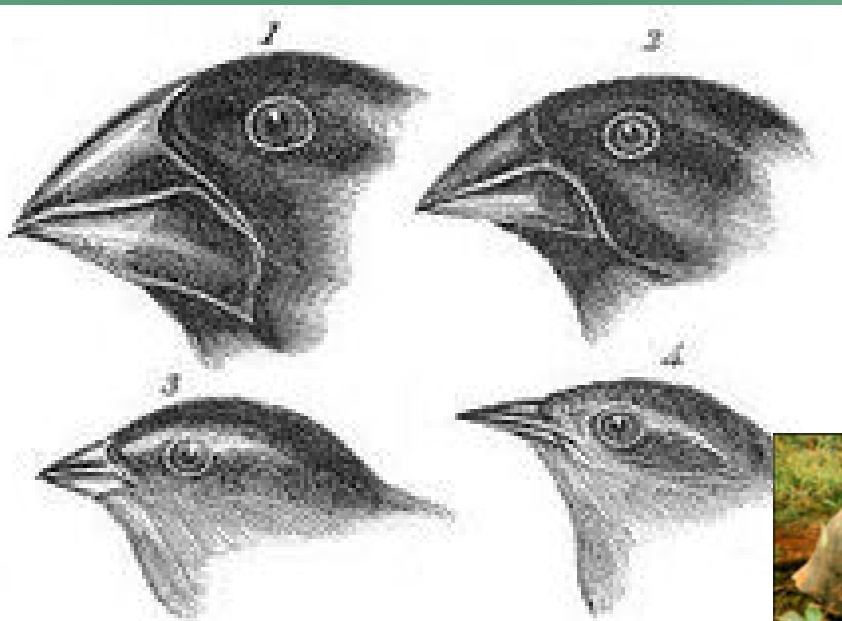


An Intelligent Designer

- Life on Earth has been carefully thought out.
- Reproduction / Recycling / Population Balancing
- Insects pollinating flowers.
- Bats pollinating bananas.
- Seeds carried on animal fur or spread in droppings.
- Bacteria, flies, worms recycling things.
- This is not just chance, it shows careful design.
- Animals and plants designed to fill all niches.

An Intelligent Designer

- Example – Darwin's finches / tortoises



1. *Geospiza magnirostris* 2. *Geospiza fortis*
3. *Geospiza parvula* 4. *Certhidea olivacea*

Finches from Galapagos Archipelago



vandenburghi



porteri



chatamensis



abingdoni



hoodensis



unknown

Symbiosis, Co-dependence of species

- Lots of examples in nature.
- Ragwort, Cinnabar moth
- Crocodile, Crocodile bird, warns croc of danger.
- Honey badger and Honeyguide Bird
- Egrets (eating parasites) from large mammals
- Ants 'farming' mushrooms and aphids.

People are willingly ignorant

- **Genesis 1:1** “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”
- **Proverbs 1:7** “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.”
- **Romans 1:20-23** “For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools...”

Conclusions

- Everything around us is crying out for there to be an intelligent Creator.
- Man cannot come to terms with this, and prefers to clutch at straws rather than believe in a Creator.
- But the evidence is overwhelmingly there, all around us.
- What is so difficult about believing in a Creator?
- *It's because people don't want the consequences.*

The Bible

- Why were we created? When will God intervene?
- We can find all the answers in the Bible.

