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## The Wonders of Creation - Chance or Design by Mark Stewart

If any one word were to be used to describe this awesome universe in which we dwell, it would be "design". Since the dawn of history, man has marveled at the beauty, the order, and the systematic planning that seem to permeate all creation - from the tiny atom to the greatest galaxy. The specialized abilities and characteristics of living things are especially dumbfounding. From the marvelous metamorphosis of a butterfly to the uncanny clock of the 17-year locust, our earth is literally teeming with countless millions of remarkable creatures - each with its own unique and intricately designed forms of behavior. Actually, the more science discovers, the more utterly amazing life becomes.

So wondrous are the works of nature that the evidence for a master designer seems overwhelming. Indeed, of all the evidences of creation, the argument from design is perhaps the most cogent.

The "design evidence" of creation simply states that there must be a great designer or creator because the likelihood of chance and randomness producing the apparent order and design of the universe is infinitesimally small. The argument from design does not gain its cogency from the fact that the particular arrangement of the universe is unlikely per se, but rather from the fact that it is unlikely that it would appear planned and designed if it were solely the result of chance.

Think of a deck of cards. If you examined a well-shuffled deck, you would expect the order of the cards to be quite random. You would not expect to find the cards in an order that would indicate an intelligent being had arranged them according to a special design or for a unique purpose. The likelihood that you would ever see that particular arrangement again might

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## DEVOTIONAL SON OF GOD

"(God) hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds" (Hebrews 1:2).

The unique divine Sonship of Jesus Christ is emphasized here in Hebrews 1. The above text, for example, introduces the Son as the Creator, then as the revealing Word, and finally, as the appointed heir of all things.

This chapter also demonstrates that God's Son was recognized even in the Old Testament. Verse 5 quotes Psalm 2:7: "Thou art my son; this day have I begotten Thee," and I Chronicles 17:13: "I will be His Father, and He shall be my son." That this Son is none other than God Himself is confirmed in verse 8, quoting Psalm 45:6: "Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever." That He is the Creator is asserted in verse 10, referring to Psalm 102:25: "Of old

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- July meeting: 20th, 7:00 PM, Fireside Room, First Baptist, Concord
- August meeting: 24th, 7:00 PM, Fireside Room, First Baptist, Concord
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be extremely remote; yet if you found the deck totally randomized, it would be obvious that the cards were not specially arranged by an intelligent being.

But suppose, for argument's sake someone gave you a deck of cards and asked whether you thought the order of the cards was the result of careful arrangement by an intelligence or the result of a random shuffling. Suppose you find that all the aces are together, then all the 2's, 3s, 4s, 5s, 6s, 7s, 8s, 9s, and 10s. You find all the jacks together, all the queens, and the kings. Furthermore, the four suits always appear in the same order - spades, hearts, diamonds, clubs. The deck is obviously arranged in a surprisingly remarkable way. If it were dealt in a bridge game, the first person would get all the spades in order from ace to king; the second person would get all the hearts, again, in order, etc. The odds against such an arrangement occurring by chance are 80 million, million, million, million, million, million, million, million, million, million, million to one against it showing up.

This is exactly the same odds that any other arrangement would have, assuming it happened by chance. But there is huge difference. This "special" arrangement shows every indication of intelligent design.

Could you be convinced that chance had produced, or rather did produce this incredibly ordered and regular sequence of cards? Would you believe it if you were told that

a thorough shuffling of the deck had allowed the cards to "evolve" into what only appeared to be a specially arranged deck? If so, you could believe that the universe, the earth, the myriad forms of life, and man himself also "just happened". Yes, you could argue the odds are so small I can't even begin to imagine the infinitely remote probability, but it could happen, and we are here.

The fact is that there are uncounted trillions upon trillions of possibilities for random arrangements in a deck of cards, but there are only a relatively small number of sequences that would indicate intelligent planning throughout the universe.

In the world around us we can behold the obvious manifestations of creation. We are humbled by the powerful forces that move the stars, and the purposeful orderliness of nature that endows a tiny and ungainly seed with the ability to develop into a beautiful flower. The better we understand the intricacies of the universe and all that it harbors, the more reason we have found to marvel at creation. Creation and design demand a creator and a designer.

Mark Stewart



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## America's Creationist Foundation

In his own personal diary, George Washington recognized God as the literal Creator according to the Genesis account:

“It is impossible to account for the creation of the universe, without the agency of a Supreme Being.”

And of course the "Declaration of the States" contains a belief in the literal Genesis creation. Several allusions to God are contained in this founding document. The “Laws of Nature and Nature’s God” are mentioned. It’s stated that there are certain “truths to be self evident that all men are created equal, and that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights...”, and it closes “with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence.”

And thrown in extra for free, here is George Washington's salvation testimony from his Revolutionary War battle notes:

“(Sunday Evening) O most glorious God, in Jesus Christ my merciful and loving Father, I acknowledge and confess my guilt, in the weak and imperfect performance of the duties of this day. I have called on Thee for pardon and forgiveness of sins (Rom 10:13)...Let me live according to those holy rules

which Thou hast this day prescribed in Thy holy word; make me to know what is acceptable in Thy sight (Rom 12:2), and therein to delight, open the eyes of my understanding, and help me thoroughly to examine myself concerning my knowledge, faith, and repentance, increase my faith, and direct me to the true object, Jesus Christ the Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:6)...These weak petitions, I humbly implore Thee to hear, accept, and answer for the sake of Thy Dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

“(Monday Morning) O Eternal and everlasting God...wash away my sins in the immaculate blood of the Lamb (1 John 1:7), and purge my heart by Thy Holy Spirit (Heb 9:14)...”

“(Monday Evening) be merciful to me, O God, and pardon me for Jesus Christ sake...Thou gavest Thy Son to die for me (Rom 5:8), and hast given me assurance of salvation...”

“(Tuesday Evening) ...my sins are forgiven by His death and passion (Rom 6:23)...and so into Thy hands I commend myself, both soul and body, in the name of Thy son, Jesus Christ.”

**Teno Groppi**

# TRAITS IN THE ANIMAL KINGDOM by Bob Zuvich

## How Many Examples of Creation Are There?

In all of the plant and animal kingdoms you find evidence of a Creator. The examples below are just a few of them all, but these are some of the most obvious. I could be accused of deliberately choosing ones that fit the Creation model, but as shown in the fossils, there are no Evolutionary examples, living or dead.

The fact is that all living things exhibit a high degree of design specialization. The problem with extinctions is not that the animals are being naturally selected out, but rather the second law of thermodynamics is proving true across the board. We don't get more types over time, but less. Man is also helping extinctions out with greed.

## Fruit Flies?

Theodosius Dobzhansky irradiated thousands of generations of *Drosophila* fruit flies. To this day the result has always been some sort of FRUIT FLY. Never was a different type of insect such as a spider, ant, praying mantis, etc. produced. A certain Professor Ogden

from a local university has stated recently that they came up with a fruit fly with eight functional legs, thereby proving Evolution. But it's still a fruit fly!

The experiment is done in the hopes of evolving a new insect or something. All attempts have failed to date. If they ever get something other than a fruit fly (impossible) will this prove that it can happen by chance under the sun?

## QUOTES

"We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. We have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown.

"But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious Hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own.

"Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us!

"It behooves us then to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins and to pray for clemency and forgiveness."

----- Abraham Lincoln

## Bolas Spiders

This is a spider which makes a web and balls it together to form a ball. It uses this ball as a sticky glob to catch insects. It waits for an unsuspecting insect to fly close enough to catch, then it swings the glob at the insect and, no matter the size, the prey sticks to the glob like glue. The timing alone is so crucial to catch a flying insect that it seems impossible that it would have evolved over long periods of time. It has to remake the glob every half hour or so, probably because the glob dries out. How does the spider get enough moths, etc. to fly by?

Scientists don't know, but they suspect that the spider releases a scent or hormone to attract the prey (common among insects). The gradual Evolution of such a device as a total mystery to any Evolutionist. There is no partial step that would function enough to assist the spider in surviving.

In fact, all spiders have to pre-mix the substance for making a web. The apparatus to dispense the web is extremely complex, consisting of several nozzles looking sort of like a shower massage head. If the spider mixes too little, no web. If it mixes too much, a bad web.

**How does the spider know beforehand how much to make?**

## "Rock" Crabs-literally!

There is a crab which puts a stone on its back for the sole purpose of balance. No stone - no balance. When the stone falls off, the crab is no longer level. It "knows" this and replaces the stone. How does the crab "know" it is not level? What would make a crab pick up a stone and install it on its back to balance? What did the crab do before the stone? No satisfactory Evolutionary answer could explain this strange behavior

"I believe in national humiliation, fasting and prayer, in keeping a day holy to the Lord, devoted to the humble discharge of the religious duties...I believe in Him whose will, not ours, should render the homage due to the divine majesty for the wonderful things He has done in the nation's behalf, and invoke the influence of His Holy Spirit to subdue anger...I believe in His eternal truth and justice...I believe the will of God prevails."

"Without the assistance of that divine Being, I cannot succeed; with that assistance, I cannot fail...I believe I am a humble instrument in the hands of our Heavenly Father; I desire that all my works and acts may be according to His will; and that it may be so I give thanks to the Almighty and seek His aid...I believe in praise to Almighty God, the beneficent Creator and Ruler of the universe."

Abraham Lincoln

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thou laid the foundation of the earth.” That He is now at God’s own throne is stressed in verse 13, citing Psalm 110:1, “Sit thou at my right hand,” and to be worshipped as God, in verse 6, taken from Psalm 97:7: “Let all the angels of God worship Him.”

Furthermore, Hebrews 1 notes a manifold description of the meaning of the divine Sonship. He is Son of God by eternal generation, as the “brightness (or ‘out-radiating’) of His glory, and the express image of His person” (v.3). He is Son of God by miraculous conception (v.5), above, quoted in Acts 13:33 (note Romans 1:4) as referring to His Sonship by bodily resurrection. Verse 6 refers to the divine proclamation of the Sonship (also Matthew 3:17; 17:5). Verses 8 and 9 stress the testimony of His uniquely holy nature. “Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity.” Finally, as the Son, He is promised universal inheritance from His Father (vs.2,13). From eternity to eternity, Jesus Christ is God’s only-begotten Son! And yet God “gave His only begotten Son” that we might have everlasting life! (John 3:16). Henry M. Morris