

## **Lesson 4: Does God Exist? (Continued)**

### **THE FUNDAMENTAL ORIGIN QUESTIONS:**

#### **WHAT CAUSED LIFE?**

Life does not have a signature saying “Made by natural forces” or “Made by God”

Science Doesn't Say Anything – Scientists Do! Data must always be interpreted!

#### **WHAT IS SCIENCE?**

Science Is A Search For Causes

There are two types of causes:

1. Non-intelligent (natural)  
(Example: Grand Canyon)
2. Intelligent  
(Example: Mount Rushmore)

#### **WHAT CAUSED AN UNSEEN PAST EVENT?**

The Principle Of Uniformity states that it will be the same cause we can observe today.  
(The present is the key to the past.)

#### **WHAT CAUSED THE FIRST “SIMPLE” LIFE?**

The principle of uniformity requires that if intelligence is required to create life today, it was required to create life in the past.

In Darwin's day single celled organisms were thought to be very simple bags in which a few simple reactions took place. It was plausible that they came about through natural forces. Today, we know that they INFINITELY MORE COMPLEX.

In reality there is no such thing as a “simple” cell. It is not only complex, it contains a great deal of information and the language of DNA.

Language And Messages Come Only From MINDS.

#### **WHAT IS THE SOURCE OF GENETIC CODE?**

“DNA is like a computer program, but far more advanced than any software ever created.” - Bill Gates

## **Amoeba's DNA = Messages**

Over 1,000 Amoeba's, lined up single file, would fit in an inch.

The information in every Amoeba's DNA is equal to that in 1,000 volumes of an encyclopedia! (Richard Dawkins, "The Blind Watchmaker", p. 116)

It takes more faith to believe that the first single celled organism came about by chance than to believe that it was created by an intelligence.

This IS NOT a "God of the Gaps" Argument. Why?

It is not just that we lack a natural explanation for the origin of the first life – life itself provides POSITIVE EVIDENCE for a designer.

## **Messages Come From Minds – Not Natural Laws**

"Our uniform experience affirms that specified information – whether inscribed in hieroglyphics, written in a book, encoded in a radio signal, or produced in a simulation experiment – always arises from an intelligent source, from a mind and not a strictly material process." - Dr Stephen C. Meyer, PhD (Oxford University) ("Signature in the Cell" p. 347)

## **Irreducible Complexity**

(Just one of many examples)

The Cell needs Proteins, than cannot be created without DNA and RNA, but DNA and RNA reproduction require a Cell. All must be present for life, but none can exists absent a living cell. You need all at once.

## **WHAT IS THE MOST REASONABLE EXPLANATION FOR THE ORIGIN OF LIFE** (Given Current Evidence From Science)?

Equal burden of proof: Atheists must support why it is more likely that life arose by natural forces alone; Theists must support why it is more likely that life arose by intelligent intervention.

The most reasonable explanation is that life was created.

Even Richard Dawkins accepts this as a possibility as long as the creators are aliens and not God!

Question: Where did the aliens come from?

If one accepts the fact that God is the creator, that conclusion comes with **moral implications**.

## **TWO DIAGNOSTIC QUESTIONS FOR ANYONE WHO IS NOT A CHRISTIAN:**

**1) If I were to ask you a question, would you give me a brutally honest answer?**

**2) If you were convinced that Christianity were true, would you become a Christian?**

If they answer no, pray for them.

If they answer yes, provide them with evidence.

## **CAN EVOLUTION ACCOUNT FOR MORALITY?**

Moral laws are not chemical or biological, they are immaterial and come from personal agents.

Chemistry and biology are descriptive not prescriptive; evolution describes what does survive, not what ought to survive. Why humans?

Should we rape to survive?

Should we murder the weak to help others to survive?

Since evolution is a process of change, then morals must change – rape may one day be “good”

Why cooperate when not cooperating often helps you to survive?

Survival is not our top moral category. What about those who give their lives to save others? (Jn 15:13)