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"For in six days the Lord made the Heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them ... "

Exodus 20:11

RMCF Upcoming Speakers	
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Jun 12th	Dr. Rob Carter

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President's Corner
Dr. Edward Boudreaux

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM RMCF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

There is good news for all RMCF members and participants. We do indeed serve a most wonderful Lord and Savior, who never fails to turn bad into good. The recent conflict affecting certain RMCF board members has been resolved. As a result of our board meeting on April 19, we are proud and honored to announce that Dr. Ed Boudreaux has been elected the new president of RMCF.

Dr. Boudreaux had spent 29 years in graduate and undergraduate teaching and research at the University of New Orleans. His expertise includes inorganic and theoretical chemistry, chemical physics, and creation science. As a Creation Scientist since 1976, he served as an expert witness for the Louisiana Balanced Treatment Law and has 28 years experience as president of the Origins Resource Association for Louisiana and the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

We also welcome our Webmaster, Fred Williams to the board as the new Secretary.

At present the RMCF Board of Directors includes: Dr. Ed Boudreaux, Bill Browning, Phil Budd, Tony Massey and Fred Williams.

We also wish to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to Mr. Brian Catalucci by recognizing his years of committed service and dedication as President of RMCF. Our local organization has achieved national recognition and we truly have Brian to thank for this accomplishment.

We also wish to extend our gratitude to Dr. Vern Peterman, Th.D., Mr. Jim Aurand, and Mr. Roger Drotar for their dedicated years of service on the RMCF board. We sincerely wish these fellow servants of Christ the greatest success, as they move forward in their progress of service, for we all remain united in the central cause to spread the truth of creation. (**Continued on Page 2**)

Please pray for healing from the conflict in which several of us were victims and please pray for the continued growth and success of RMCF.

Finally, it is unfortunate that as of July 1, 2009 we will no longer be meeting at Holly Hills Bible Church. (please note that both the May and June meetings will still be at Holly Hills). You will be notified of the new meeting place beginning with our July meeting as soon as possible.

Our monthly meeting topics and locations are always posted on our website at **YOUNGEARTH.ORG**.

Blessings to you all, in His Most Holy Name,

The RMCF Board of Directors

RMCF at the CHEC Conference

RMCF is proud to announce that we will have a booth at the Colorado Home Educators Conference this year! The conference will be June 18-20 at the Denver Merchandise Mart. We will be featuring creation videos, creation literature, as well as several different books that you may be interested in purchasing.

If you are planning to go to the CHEC conference, please be sure to drop by our booth and say hi! For more information on the CHEC conference or to register, visit **CHEC.ORG**.

RMCF Donations

Please support RMCF - We need your support. RMCF relies on the gifts and donations of its' members for its' operations. Without them we could not bring the quality of speakers that have visited RMCF for over eight years. If your membership has expired or will be expiring soon, please extend your membership. For those who are not members and wish to join RMCF please call us at (303) 997-1101, complete the membership form on the back cover, or go to our website at **www.youngearth.org**. **If you are interested in having good speakers at our meeting, please support RMCF with your memberships, gifts, and prayers.** RMCF is a non-profit organization under the IRS rules of 501(c3) and all gifts are tax deductible.

May 8th Meeting
Exclusive DVD viewing and Open Forum

At our May 8th meeting, we will be having an **exclusive** viewing of the Darwin film entitled “**The Voyage that Shook the World**”. This is a brand new release from CMI, not yet available to the public.

The viewing will be followed by an open forum of questions and answers from the audience.

There is no cost to attend our monthly meetings and free refreshments will be served after the meeting.

June 12th Speaker
Dr. Rob Carter

RMCF is privileged to have as it's June speaker, **Dr. Rob Carter**. The title of his talk will be **Genetics according to Jesus**.

Dr. Carter obtained a BS in Applied Biology from the **Georgia Institute of Technology** in 1992. He then spent four years teaching high school biology, chemistry, physics and electronics before going to the University of Miami to obtain his Ph.D. in Marine Biology. He successfully completed this program in 2003 with a dissertation on ‘**Cnidarian Fluorescent Proteins**.’ While in Miami, he studied the genetics of pigmentation in corals and other invertebrates, designed and built an aquaculture facility for Caribbean corals, performed well over 500 SCUBA dives, many of them at night, and licensed a spin-off product of his research (a patent-pending fluorescent protein) to a biotech company. He is currently Head Speaker/Scientist for CMI-USA in Atlanta, Georgia, where he lives with his wife, Leanne, and children and is currently researching human genetics and other issues related to biblical creation.

The book of Genesis makes some grand claims about the past that should become evident as we explore the world through science. As a sound source for the history of man, we should be able to detect the major events of Genesis through modern genetics. There are three main events that, if they occurred at all, must have left an indelible mark on our genetic makeup: Creation, the Flood, and the Tower of Babel. Each one of these can be clearly seen - if one knows where to look.

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April Meeting Highlights - Dr. Jason Lisle – 1st Talk

The Ultimate Truth of Creation

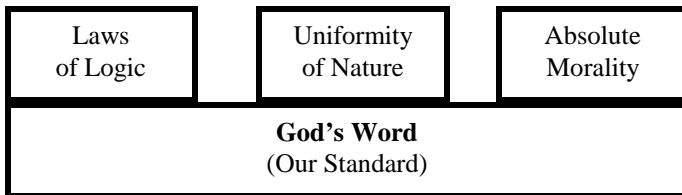
Dr. Jason Lisle of Answers in Genesis presented a bold new approach to creation apologetics at the April meeting of RMCF.

Christians must remember that anyone’s position depends not just on the evidence, but our interpretation of the evidence, based on our starting point, or world view (our system of beliefs or presuppositions.) An important example is the Laws of Logic. One cannot prove the laws of logic, logically. You must assume them to be true.

Christians and Evolutionists have different rules of interpretation. (i. e., different standards for determining what is true. For Christians, the Bible is the Ultimate Standard (a reliable history). Evolutionists adhere to *naturalism* (nature is all there is) or *empiricism*- (all truth claims can be answered empirically). For every evidence we give, the evolutionists can invent a rescue device, such as, to explain the short life of comets, they claim, “There must be an Oort cloud.” The Key is this: **Evidence by itself doesn’t change one’s presuppositions..** We must show that our worldview is the RIGHT ONE.

Key thesis: Only Biblical presuppositions lead to knowledge. Secular ones do not. Prov. 1:7, Col. 2. In other words, the Bible says that to begin to know anything, we must accept God’s presuppositions. If the Bible is not true, no one could know anything or prove anything. This is because our presupposition of “reliability of the senses” makes sense only in the Biblical worldview, because God made our senses.

Fundamental Biblical Presuppositions



Evolutionists believe in these presuppositions too. If Evolution is true, it makes no sense to believe in logic. Logic has no foundation in a random universe. *Therefore, Evolutionists rely on things that only make sense if Creation is true.* Secular world views are not rational.

Evolutionary Presuppositions

a. relativism: “There are no absolutes.” Since this is an absolute statement, we should ask “Are you absolutely certain that is true“?

b. empiricism: “All truth claims are proved by empirical observation.” We should ask, “How do you know that your statement is true“? (One

April Meeting Highlights - Dr. Jason Lisle – 1st Talk Continued

cannot observe a truth claim.)

c. naturalism (nature is all there is.) The *naturalist* attempts to use logic to support his position. The problem is, logic is NOT PART OF NATURE. If nature is all there is, you can't have logic. Therefore, the naturalist cannot use something that does not exist in his worldview to argue for his worldview.

Since the evolutionist cannot stand on his own irrational presuppositions, he borrows the Christian presuppositions because they represent the only rational possibility. For example, the Laws of Logic. Everyone believes in them. He does this not realizing that the Laws of Logic only make sense in the Christian worldview, because they come from God's absolute standard of reasoning. Random chance (evolution) implies there are no laws.

Therefore, everybody stands on God's Ground. This means that in order for an evolutionists to argue his case, (using the Laws of Logic, Uniformity of nature, and Absolute morality), he proves himself wrong.

Morality. The Creator makes the rules. Or else, we could make our own rules. In the Creation worldview, God is the standard of goodness. Apart from God, any standard is subjective and arbitrary, and therefore irrational. Contrast this presupposition to that of the *relativist*, who says that everyone can make their own rules, and therefore one cannot go around telling others what not to do. But that is exactly what they are doing by saying that. NO ONE CAN LIVE BY SUCH A STANDARD.

Laws of Logic. Logic is a reflection of the way God thinks and the way he expects us to think. They stem from the NATURE OF GOD. GOD IS LOGICAL. God has revealed how He thinks in His Word. Therefore, to be rational is to think like God does. Because God created us, he built in these thought processes in us. Logic is therefore a Creation concept. The laws of logic are immaterial, universal, invariant, and abstract entities which govern all possible conceptual relationships. They make sense only if based on the Biblical God, and are contingent on Him.

Conclusion: Rational Debate Presupposes the Christian Worldview, such as the Laws of Logic.

Practical Application: The Don't Answer/Answer Strategy is a Biblical strategy based on Proverbs 26:4-5.

Verse 4: "Do not answer a fool according to his folly, or you will be like him yourself". This means, don't embrace the fool's standards or use his presuppositions to argue.

Verse 5: "Answer a fool according to his folly, or he will be wise in his own eyes". We don't embrace his suppositions in our argument, but we should (hypothetically) show where they would logically go, so he can see how absurd they are. We are doing an internal critique of his worldview to show its absurdity.

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THE POWER OF IDEAS

What you believe does matter

An Editorial By Dr. Carl Wieland,
Creation Magazine, Feb. 2002 *

Repeatedly watching the horrific spectacle of a hijacked jetliner plunging into the World Trade Center [Sept. 11, 2001], one had to be taken by the enormous force which enabled this people-filled missile to effortlessly slice through concrete and steel in milliseconds.

Yet driving this atrocity was something far more potent--the ideas and beliefs of those who perpetrated it. One of the dead hijackers, Mohammed Atta, was seen at a local bar a few days beforehand, swilling huge amounts of vodka. Alcohol is strictly forbidden to a Muslim, so why would he thus risk Allah's wrath?

Easy. Part of the belief system fueling his subsequent atrocity was that the reward for his jihad martyrdom included forgiveness of all his sins (including the illicit binge)--in addition to 72 paradisiacal virgin brides.

Secularism has a problem. Part of de-Christianizing the West has been the insistence that all religions must be regarded as on an equal footing. Religion is, after all, only "inside people's heads"; evolution explains the "real world." So it is hard for secularists to turn around now and label the terrorist' belief system as just plain wrong.

Oxford's devoutly Darwinistic Professor Richard Dawkins, has no such qualms. Ignoring the 100 million killed last century through the evolution-fueled ideologies of Hitler and Marx, he has eagerly attacked all the "Abrahamic religions" (including Christianity) as intrinsically slaughter-prone. His message: only belief in the after life would make one capable of suicidal atrocities.¹

But Shintoism's kamikaze pilots were not motivated by afterlife rewards.² My uncle, a WWII Wehrmacht soldier told me of fanatical tank crews, recruited from the Hitler youth in Nazism's last gasps. Their fearless willingness to sacrifice their lives made them deadly killing machines. The ideology driving them--void of afterlife reward--was belief in the greater evolutionary good of the race/nation. And the Columbine school killers, one sporting a natural selection T-shirt, believed that there was no after-life judgment, so why not take out as many as possible?⁴

Unlike Dawkins (and most leading evolutionists), the majority of evolution-believers do not take their view to its starkly logical conclusion--a godless meaningless universe--instead blending "God and evolution". This includes a huge percentage of Muslims, with a western education, which category includes most

of the terrorists. Western schools taught them to believe that all humans result from a ruthless “survival of the fittest,” and that many branches of the great tree of life died off because they were unable to cope with environmental challenges, or became too degenerate. As geologist Dr. Emil Silvestru indicated,³ it might make perverse sense to them when certain mullahs label the West as a dying, degenerate branch (a view aided by many post-Christian western “cultural exports”), and tell the sons of Islam their holy mission is to prune this decaying wood.

This evil act should bring home to us all the importance of having the right belief. First, it matters to an individual’s eternal destiny (by now, the suicided hijackers would know from first-hand experience that their para-Islamic fantasies were wrong.) Second, it matters to everyone else, *i.e.*, society. It was not secularism, but America’s Biblical heritage which made it (for all its faults), the most just, free, and religiously tolerant nation on Earth. Whether Bin Laden’s ilk, or the many peace-loving Muslims who abhor terror, represent “true Islam”, few think that America under any version of Islam (or Buddhism, for example) would have generated the freedom and tolerance which all religions (properly) enjoy in the US.

The Bible commands Christians to “do good unto all.” (Gal 6:10). Thus, while the state has the mandate to exact justice--not personal revenge--on the evildoers (Rom. 13:3-4), persecuting anyone for their beliefs has no place in a Christian response.

The Bible also commands us to tell all people of the truth that there is only one way to salvation (John 14:6). Logically, only one belief system’s truth-claims can be right. Today unfortunately, Christianity’s truth-claims are widely undermined by the belief that science has “proved the Bible wrong.” September 11 gave one more reason to get this magazine into as many hands as you can--because it does matter what people believe about ultimate reality.

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* Carl Wieland is founder and Managing Director of Creation Ministries International. Please visit www.creation.com for more information on the magazine. Article used by permission.

The Darwin/Hitler Test

The following is a series of posts that occurred several years ago on talk.origins.

A creationist by the name of Ted Holden challenged the evolutionists to see if they could tell the difference between the ideological writing samples of the famous racist and evolutionist, Charles Darwin, and the famous racist and evolutionist, Adolf Hitler. An evolutionist quickly accepted the challenge, and the following is what transpired:

Writing sample: Therefore, here, too, the struggle among themselves arises less from inner aversion than from hunger and love. In both cases, Nature looks on calmly, with satisfaction, in fact. In the struggle for daily bread all those who are weak and sickly or less determined succumb, while the struggle of the males for the female grants the right or opportunity to propagate only to the healthiest. And struggle is always a means for improving a species' health and power of resistance and, therefore, a cause of its higher development.

Evolutionist's response: This is more likely Darwin's work. Anyone doing experimental or developmental work in biology knows and uses all the above observations. What's the big deal?

Writing sample: At some future period, not very distant as measured by centuries, the civilized races of man will almost certainly exterminate, and replace the savage races throughout the world...

Evolutionist's response: This is more likely Hitler's work. Now we read about civilized races exterminating "savage races."

Ted Holden's response: Congratulations, you have earned an incredible distinction for yourself; you can tell your grandchildren that you were the first to flunk the official alt.fan.splifford Hitler/Darwin test. In years to come, after evolutionism has been laughed to scorn and is no longer taught in civilized nations, your name will be famous. Textbooks will note that, once it became obvious that even a genius such as Charles Pflanze could not tell the difference between Darwin's writings and those of Adolf Hitler, it was pretty much all over but the shouting.

Many people are not aware that the full title of Darwin's book is "On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection, or the Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle for Life." A great expose on Darwin's racism can be found in the Creation Research Society Quarterly article "Was Charles Darwin a Racist?" by Dr. Jerry Bergman (CRSQ Summer 2007, Vol. 44 #1, www.crsq.org).

March Meeting Highlights

The title of this presentation was, **The Chemical Origin of Life-Part 2: Where Does Life Come From?**

This was a continuation of the first talk, **The Chemical Origin of Life (Abiogenesis)** which Dr. Boudreaux delivered at the November meeting, where he showed that bio-molecules could not be produced from the proverbial “primordial soup”. In this second presentation Dr. Boudreaux used a power point prepared by his good friend, Dr. John DeMassa. The format was based on using the word ORIGIN as an acronym: **O = oceans** – many hold that the biochemical origin of life took place in the oceans, but there are problems: 1) ribose sugars essential for RNA and DNA are unstable in water; 2) difficult to link sugars with bases in the aqueous environment; 3) too much randomness results even if the components are combined to form a product. **R = random** – no bio-molecules were ever made by random mixing of the components. On the contrary, sophisticated laboratory and instrumental techniques are required to produce bio-molecules. **I = information** – bio-molecules contain information and lots of it, but random chance cannot produce information. **G = geology** – geological evidence regarding the chemical origin of life is totally lacking. Dr. T. N. Tahisian, Atomic Energy Commission, 1983, said, “Scientists who go about teaching that evolution is a fact of life are great con-men, and the story they are telling may be the greatest hoax ever. In explaining evolution we *do not have one iota of fact* (emphasis added)”. **I = intelligent design** – anything possessing a

specific design and function must be intelligently designed. All bio- molecules must be specifically designed in order to function as they do. But intelligent design requires an intelligent designer! **N= no contest** – the only intelligent designer available at the time of creation was God. There is *no contest* between God vs presumed alien intelligences, random chance or any other supposed source of design. The only source of information about the designer (God) is His revealed Word (Genesis 1-2 and other pertinent scriptures on creation). Consequently, only God could have been the author of life, because chemistry cannot produce it.

April Meeting – 2nd Talk

Evolution and Logical Fallacies.

Dr. Jason Lisle

In his second talk, Dr. Lisle covered many common logical fallacies that are encountered in the creation vs. evolution debates. These include fallacies in the categories of ambiguity (unclear terms), presumption (unwarranted assumptions), and relevance, (where the conclusion is disjoint from the premises.) Within each category are many types of fallacies.

Within ambiguity fallacies, Dr. Lisle discussed equivocation, which is shifting (Continued on Page 11)

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Example 1): Evolutionist says, “There are no absolutes.”

a. No Answer (Verse 4) “I don’t accept that standard.”

b. Answer, “But if there were no absolutes, you couldn’t tell me because that is an absolute statement”. (Reflect back, then take to its logical conclusion (not wise in his own eyes.)

Example 2): Evolutionist says, “I believe in Naturalism. Show me logically how Earth could be only 6000 years old.”

a. Throw out a few young earth evidences.

b. Key on “naturalism vs. logic”--the two don’t go together

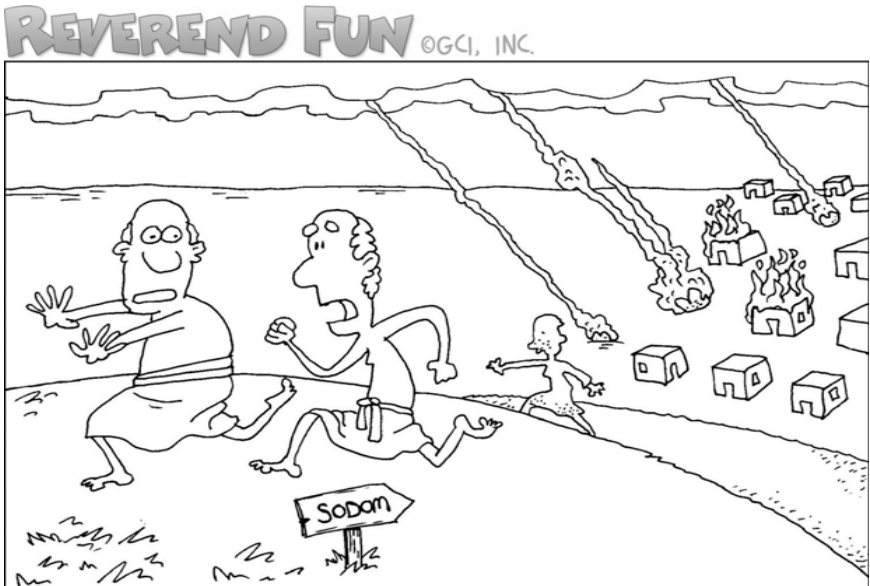
c. No-answer: “I don’t accept your belief in naturalism.”

d. Answer: “But for the sake of argument, if naturalism were true, it would be impossible to prove anything, since there would be no laws of logic. In other words, if you are able to make any arguments at all, that shows that your world-view is wrong.

Bottom Line: Any attempt to defeat Christianity only makes sense if Christianity is true.

The Ultimate Truth of Creation--it’s in the Bible, and the Bible must be true.

Nothing else is rationally possible. Nothing else can account for the things that are necessary for knowledge, science, and morality.



**I CAN'T GO BACK FOR HER ... MY DOCTOR TOLD ME
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AFTER EDEN

by Dan Lietha



Eve gets an easy question.

April Meeting – 2nd Talk Continued

the meaning of a word in the middle of the argument (such as blurring the difference between micro-evolution and macro-evolution), or, “Evolution is science--you believe in science, don’t you”?

Reification fallacies tend to personify abstractions, such as “It’s not nice to fool Mother Nature,” or, “This evidence speaks for itself.” Begging the question, or circular reasoning, assumes as a premise what one is trying to prove, such as “we know evolution is true, because it is a fact.” All known old-earth arguments are circular. Another common fallacy is the straw man argument, where the critic misrepresents his opponent’s position, such as, “Creationists believe that God created all the animals as we see them today, but some breeds of dogs are know to be quite recent.” Actually, creationists realize that animals have diversified (within kind) since Creation and the Flood.

Also discussed were deductive logic fallacies, such as affirming the consequent, with the example, “If evolution is true, we would expect to find similarities within the DNA of all organisms. Since we do find similarities, then evolution must be true.” This is a great fallacy.

Stephen Meyer's Paper on Biological Information

By Bill Browning, MS

Ben Stein's documentary film on the suppression of evidences contrary to Darwinism, "Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed," highlights the publication of an intelligent design paper by Stephen C. Meyer of the Discovery Institute in the *Proceedings of the Biological Society of Washington*. The journal's editor at the time was Richard Sternberg, who has since lost his status as a Research Associate at the Smithsonian Institution for publishing Meyer's paper.¹

The paper has achieved such notoriety, that the author has posted it on the Discovery Institute website, www.discovery.org for all to see. The article is a masterpiece of evidence challenging the neo-Darwinian paradigm, and our readers are urged to visit the Institute and read it in its entirety. Click the "search" button and enter the title: "*Intelligent Design: The Origin of Biological Information and the Higher Taxonomic Categories*"

Meyer's work examines the origin of biological form and information during the history of life called the Cambrian explosion. During the Cambrian, many novel animal forms and body plans (representing new phyla, subphyla and classes) arose in a geologically brief period of time. Meyer's information-based analysis supports the mounting skepticism among scientists that mutation and natural selection does not constitute an adequate explanation of the origin of biological form in the higher taxonomic groups.

The Cambrian explosion marked a major episode of morphological change and innovation in which many new body forms arose in a geologically short time, with no apparent ancestors. This draws into question the "common ancestor" model of the origin of life's diversity.

DNA Contains Biological Information. Sequences of nucleotide bases, or amino acids in proteins, are highly improbable, and therefore can carry large amounts of information, and are also highly specified with respect to function. Biological organisms exhibit many levels of information-rich structures, such as proteins, cell types, tissues, and organs. This raises the question of the origin of this specified complexity, which differs so widely within the Cambrian organisms.

To progress from an early sponge to a Cambrian arthropod (*e.g.* trilobite) would require an increase in the number of cell types from 5 to 50, which requires a vast amount of new genetic information. Says Meyer, "The sensitivity of proteins to functional loss, the need for long proteins to build new cell types and animals, the need for whole new *systems* of proteins to service new

cell types, the probable brevity of the Cambrian explosion relative to mutation rates--all suggest the immense improbability and implausibility of any scenario for the origination of Cambrian genetic information that relies upon random variation alone.”

Therefore, the neo-Darwinian mechanism appears to be inadequate to generate the new information present in the novel genes and proteins that arise with the Cambrian animals. Underscoring this inadequacy is the discovery that gene sequence variation causes functional loss of the protein it codes for long before the number of variations required to produce a new functional protein could occur. Such a functional loss would be eliminated by natural selection, rendering any evolutionary advance as a dead end.

Developmental Genetics. Advances in developmental biology have shown that the kinds of genetic variations required by neo-Darwinism--namely favorable body plan mutations, don't ever occur.

Genes Are Not Sufficient to Specify Cell Structures. DNA alone does not determine how individual proteins assemble themselves into larger systems of proteins. Still less does it solely determine how cell types, tissue types, and organs arrange themselves into body plans. Other factors such as the three-dimensional structure and organization of the cell membrane and cytoskeleton play important roles in determining body plan formation.

In each new cell generation, the form and structure of the cell cytoskeleton arises as the result of both gene products (as raw material) and pre-existing three-dimensional structures and organization (*e.g.* microtubule subunits). These structures are inherited from the parent cells. Gene products provide necessary but not sufficient conditions for the development of three-dimensional structures within cells, organs, and body plans.

Therefore, natural selection acting on genetic variation alone cannot produce the new body forms that arise in the history of life.

Is it any wonder why the academic and scientific establishment has acted to censor such information from the media? Ben Stein was understandably shocked when he interviewed Richard Sternberg and learned of the harassment he had endured at the hands of the Washington aristocracy.

Keep up the good work, Discovery Institute!

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