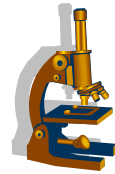


Preacher's Pen points

Biochemistry Defies Evolution!



Darwin's Black Box

I've been reading an excellent book by Michael Behe called "Darwin's Black Box". I highly recommend it, if you are willing to wade through difficult and detailed discussions about how life works. Behe's use of the expression "black box" refers to what in the past has not been known by science. Darwin made observations about the world as he knew it and suggested the theory that all living forms came from a common ancestor. What he didn't know in his day was the biochemistry of the basic components of life, namely cells. That was Darwin's "black box".

Finding Irreducible Complexity

Now the black box has been opened. In the last half century amazing discoveries have been made about how DNA (the blue print for life) by means of amino acids functions to produce the various cellular processes that result in the various characteristics of living creatures.

Behe shows that those processes are "irreducibly complex". That means essentially two things:

- Cells are complex miniature chemical factories. The fundamental chemical processes that cause various living things to function involves many complex biochemical processes.
- These biochemical steps must be sequenced properly and exist all at one time for the organism to function in a particular way. The function of a cell depends upon the proper chemicals being delivered at the proper time in the proper se-

quence.

Behe thus affirms that evolutionists are unable to give an evolutionary sequence along with a biochemical explanation for how these processes evolved other than through numerous fortuitous "miracles".

Applying Common Sense

All of us intuitively know that something as complex as the human body with all its amazing systems, going down to the sub-cellular level, could not have occurred by accident. But it is refreshing to hear that said by someone who knows how life works at its most basic level. Not one of us would believe that a chemical factory took shape without the aid of intelligent architects, engineers, and

construction workers. Yet, smart people persuade themselves that a far more complex "factory" has come into being by accident! Incredible!

Praise the Creator!

The more science tells us about life the more clearly we see the genius of God in creating and governing its processes and the more persuaded we should be that it could not have occurred by chance. Today, while we worship, those cells will perform their God-assigned tasks to enable us to see, to hear, to think, to sing—to do all that is necessary to live and function. Let us think about this as we worship the One who made it all!

—Johnny Felker

*"I will give thanks to Thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Thy works, And my soul knows it very well."
(Psalm 139:14)*

Tonight's Lesson: *God's Foreknowledge and Predestination.* Come study with us!