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Seminar Presentations

- Why Creation Matters
- The Origin of the Universe, the Age of the Earth
- The Origin and Diversification of Life
- Geology and Fossils
- Dinosaurs and Noah's Ark
- The Ice Age and post-flood Civilization

"... always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;"

1 Peter 3:15

Questions of Life

- Where did life come from?
- How is earth unique for life?
- How did life get so diverse?
- Does life have a purpose?

The Origin of life

Not by Time and Chance

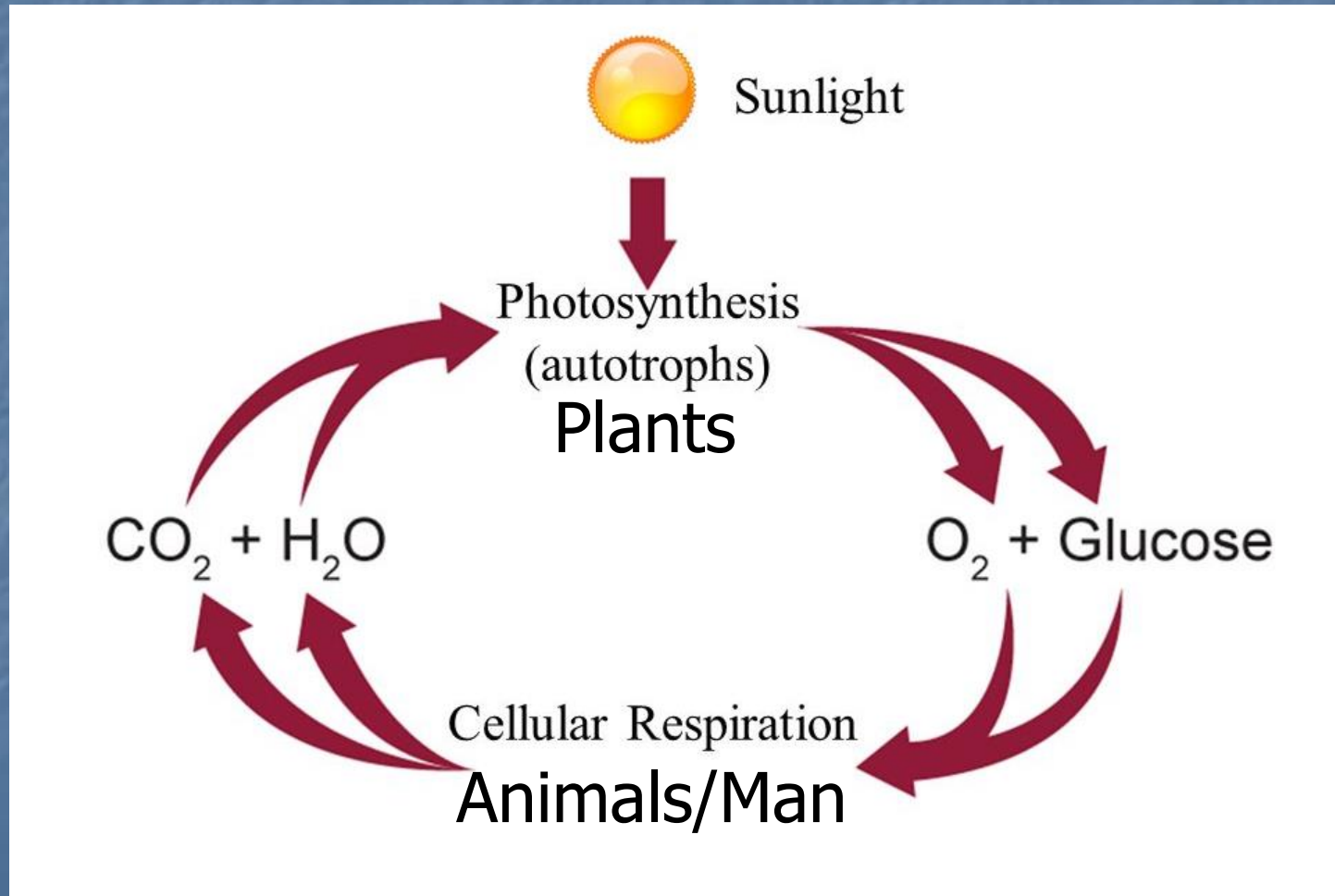


3rd Day of Creation – Land & Plants



Trees, herbs, grass

God's Design for Plants to Support Animals/Man



4th Day of Creation – Celestial Bodies



5th Day of Creation – Life (Nephesh)



...the sea creatures **after their kind**
...and the birds **after their kind.**

6th Day of Creation



...animals after their kind ...and man in God's own image ... male and female.

Our Unique Earth

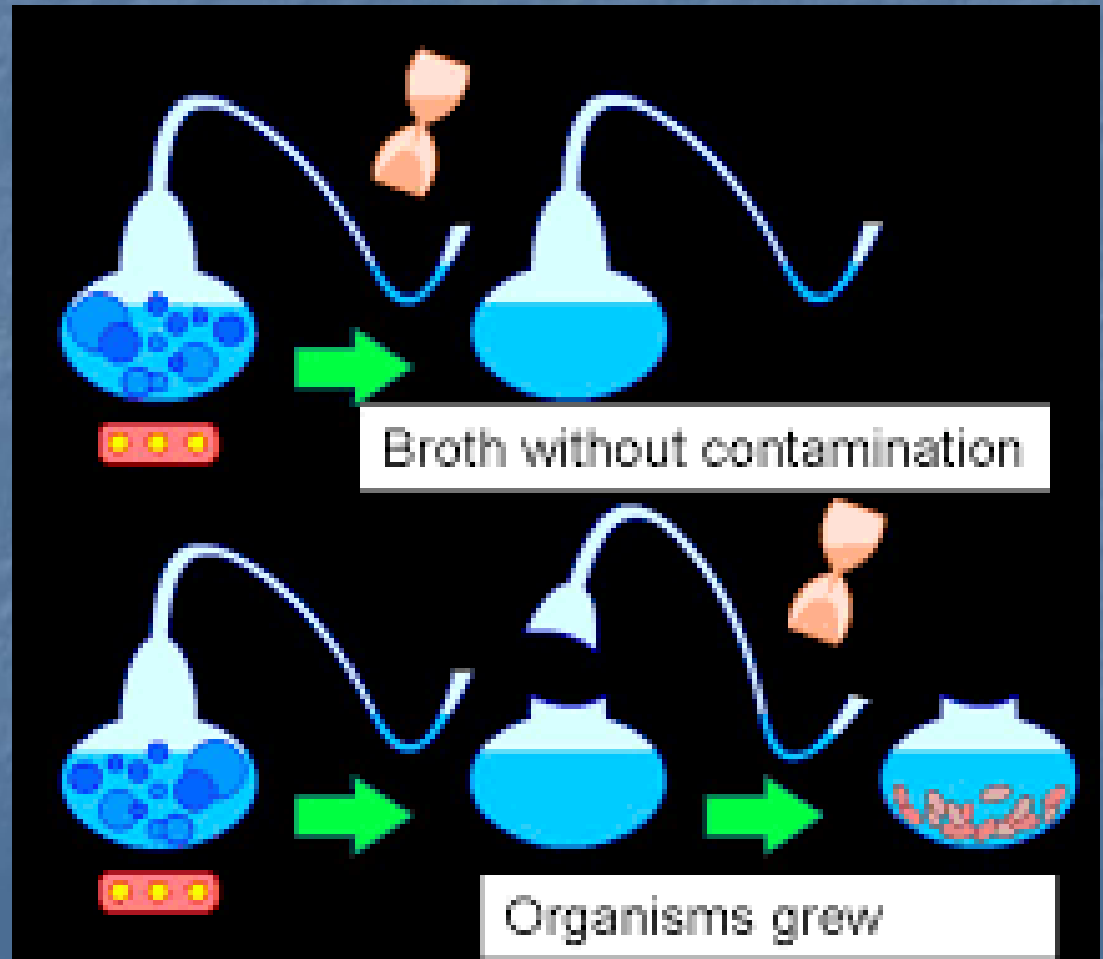
- **Ideal orbit** - liquid water, moderate temp, adequate sunlight
- **Terrestrial planet** - heavier elements, thin crust, mineral rich soil
- **Ideal size and mass** – non-toxic, free oxygen atmosphere
- **Large moon** - stabilized tilt, cleansing tides
- **Magnetic field, stable sun, galactic location** - no lethal radiation



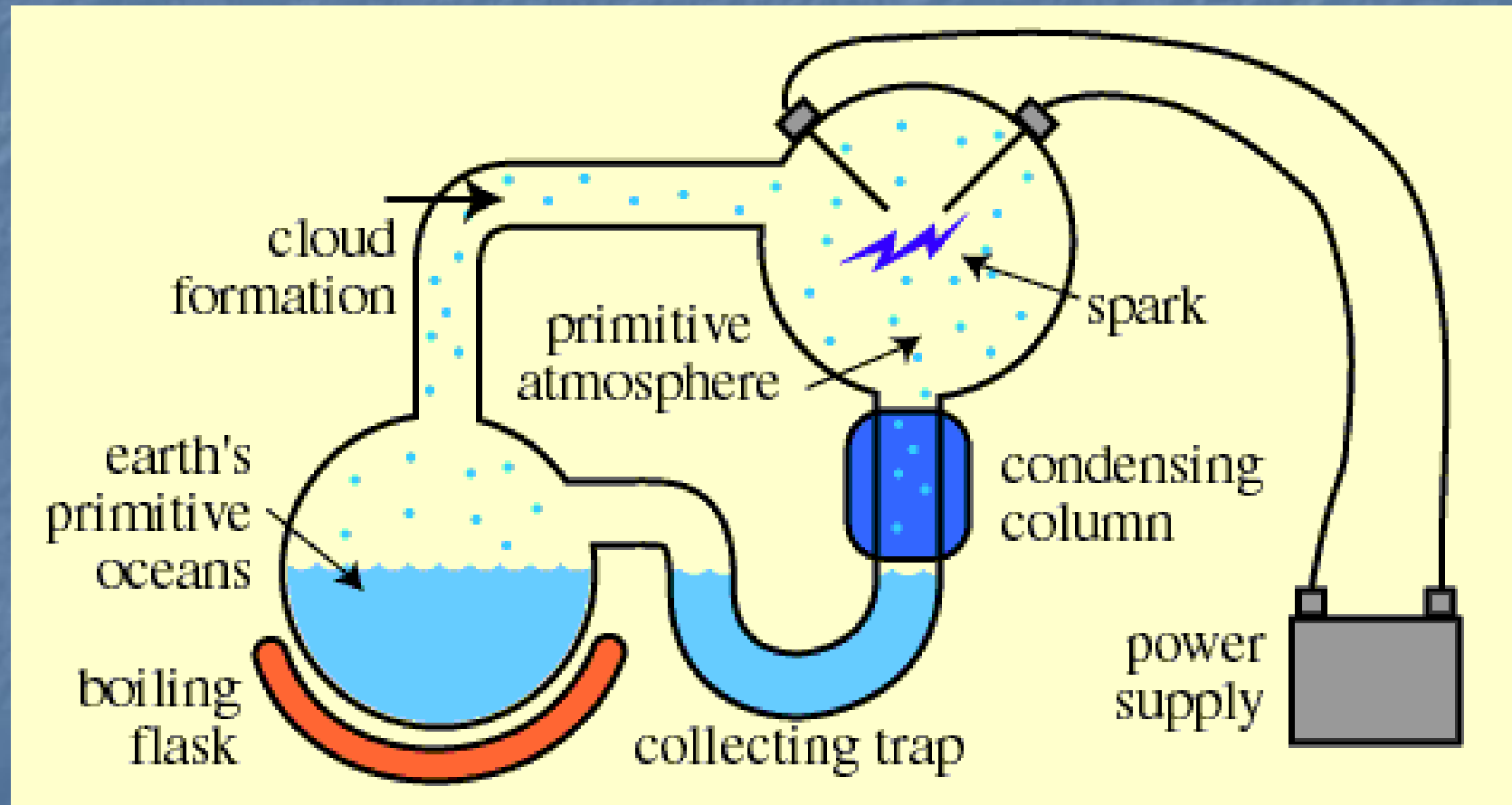
Spontaneous Generation Refuted



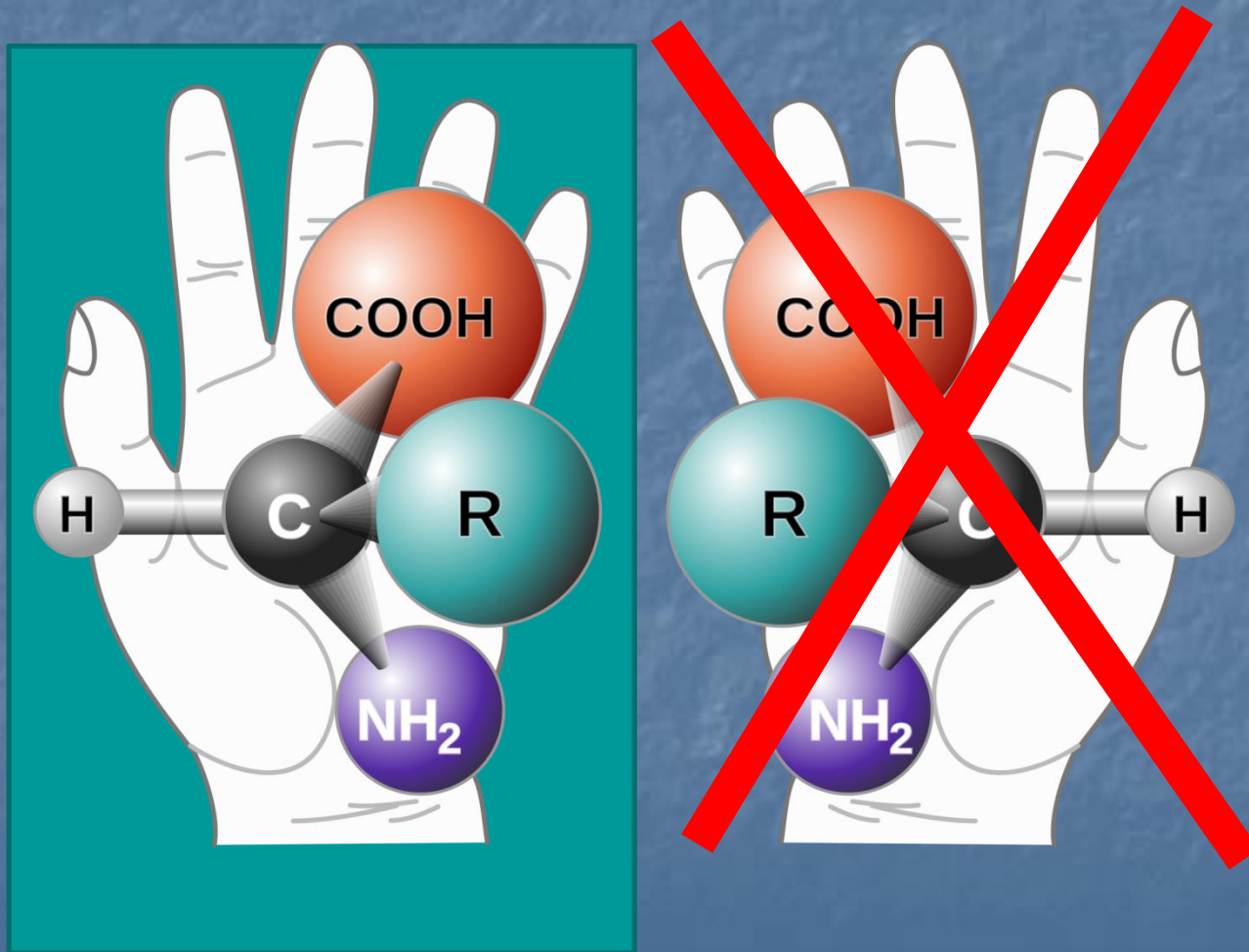
Louis Pasteur



Miller-Urey Experiment

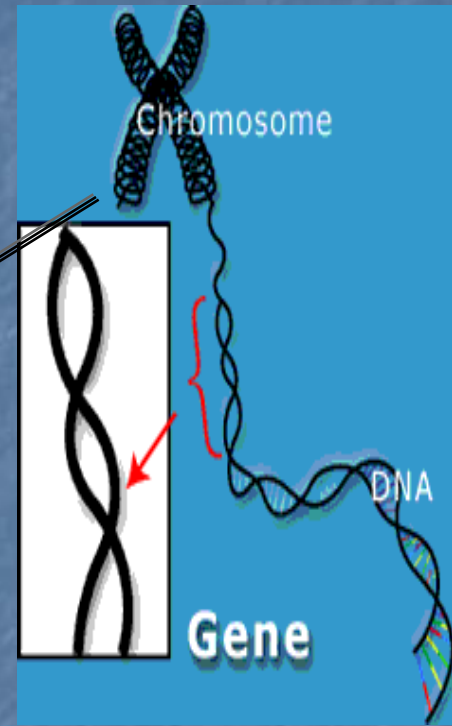
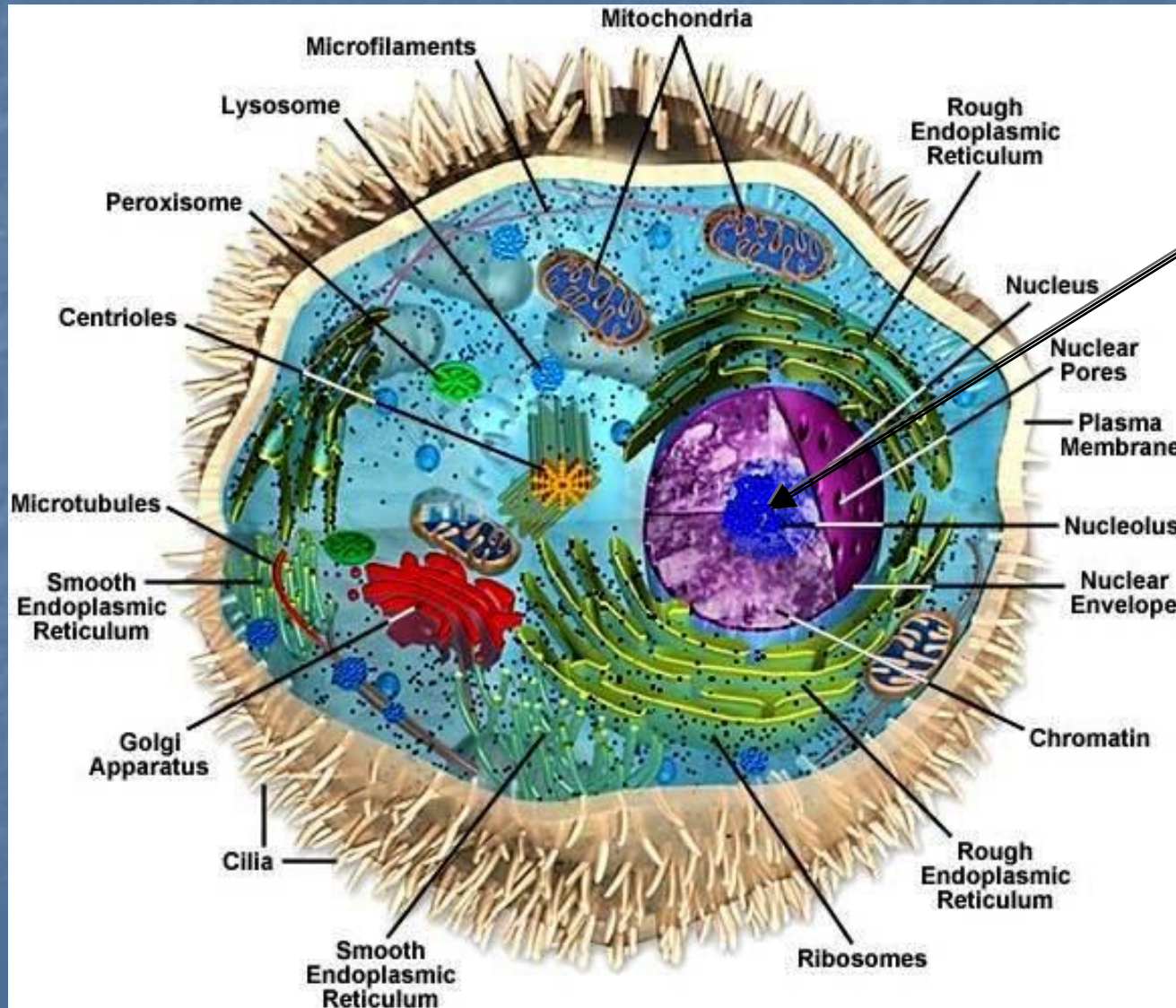


Untold Fact concerning Miller's Experiment - Chirality



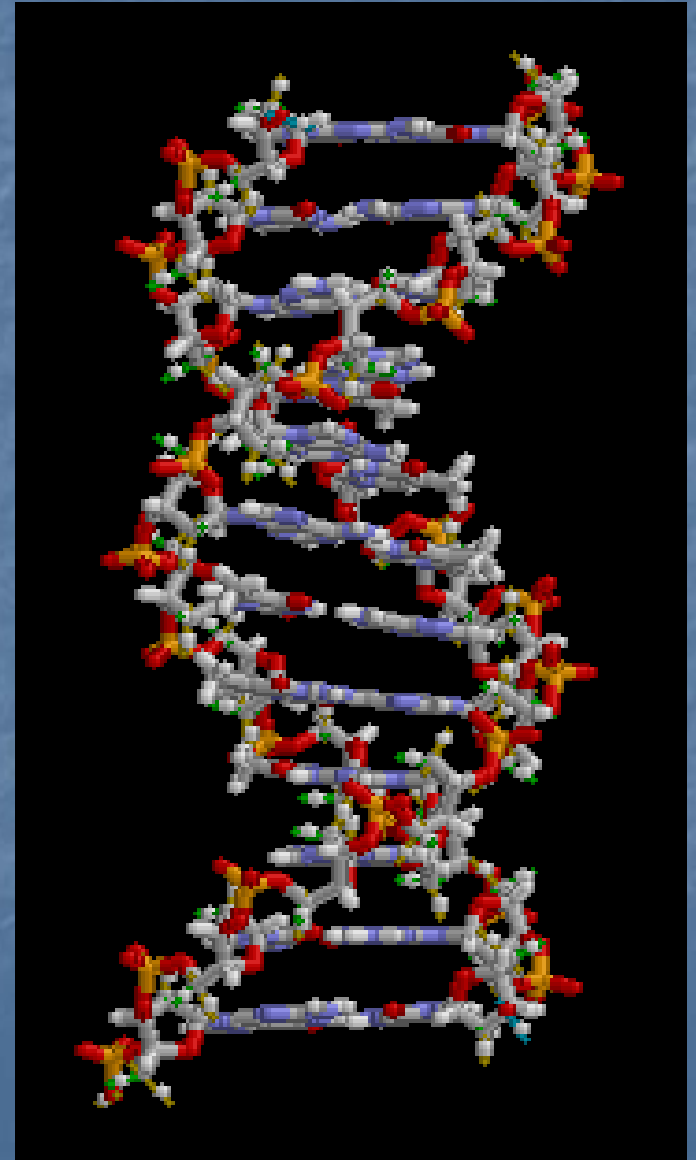
Life only has "Left-Handed" Amino Acids

The Complexity of Life (DNA)



Incredible amount of Information

- One DNA molecule:
 - 215 million gigabytes of data
 - 1000 books of 1000 pages each.



Information cannot Originate Naturally

"...there is **no known law of nature** , no known process and no known sequence of events which can cause information to **originate by itself** in matter."

Dr. Werner Gitt

Director and professor

German Federal Inst of

Physics and Tech

Bottom line: no production of **new** genetic information has ever been observed.

Cell Complexity Unknown in Darwin's Day



“Protoplasm (cytoplasm) is **destitute of organs** with **no trace of organization.**”

– G.H. Lewes (Darwin's favored expert on cell biology)

“Life is too Complex to Evolve”

"All of us who study the origin of **life** find that the more we look into it, the more we feel it **is too complex to have evolved** anywhere. We all **believe** as an article of **faith** that life evolved from dead matter on this planet...."

Dr. Harold Urey
University of Chicago

As Likely as a Tornado producing a Boeing 747 Jet Airplane

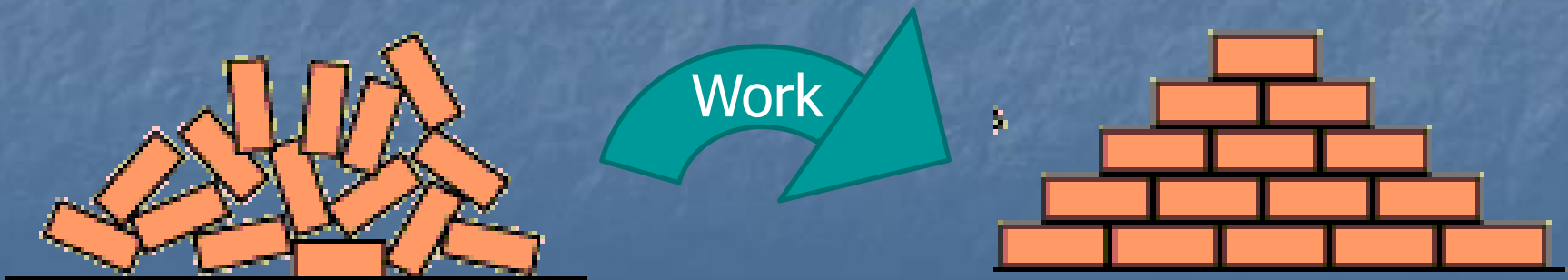
"The **chance** that higher **life** forms might have emerged **through evolutionary processes** is **comparable** with the chance that a **tornado** sweeping through a junk yard might **assemble a Boeing 747** from the material therein."

Sir Fred Hoyle

Astronomer and mathematician
(not a creationist)

Second Law of Thermodynamics

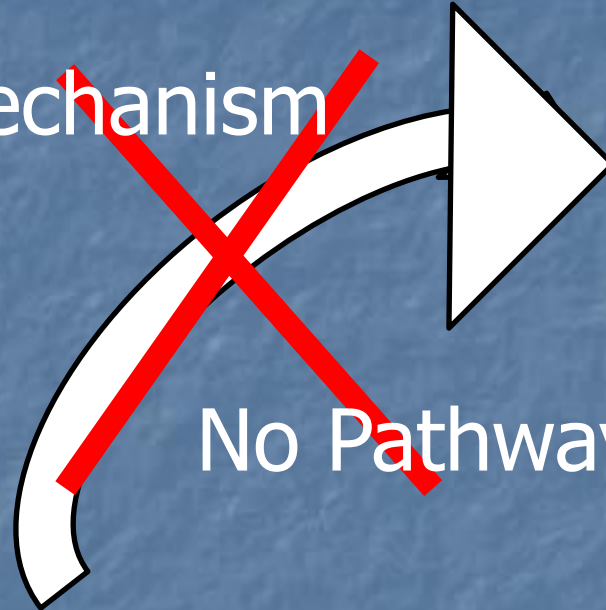
- Left to time and chance, systems tend toward disorder (increasing entropy)
- Life was **designed to overcome entropy**
 - A way to **capture and store** energy
 - A way to **convert** energy to useful work
 - Work creates order – **the order of life**



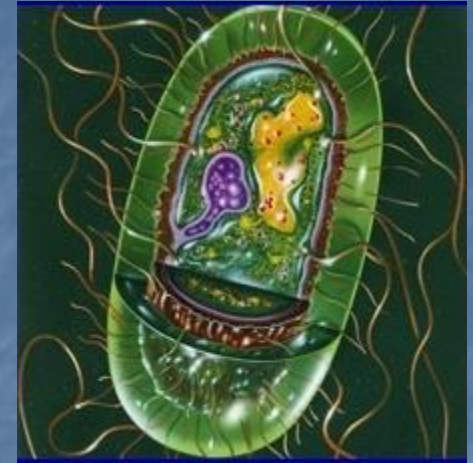
Chemistry is NOT our Ancestor



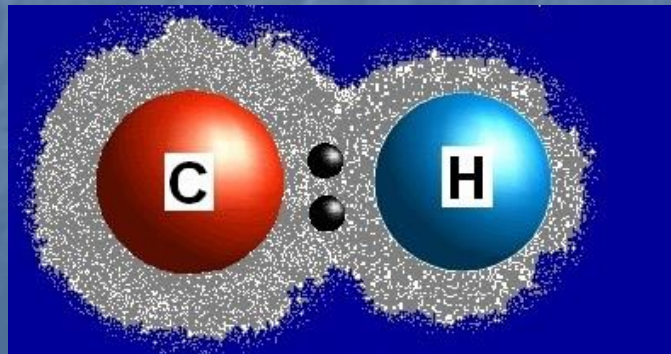
No Mechanism



No Pathway



Biology



Chemistry

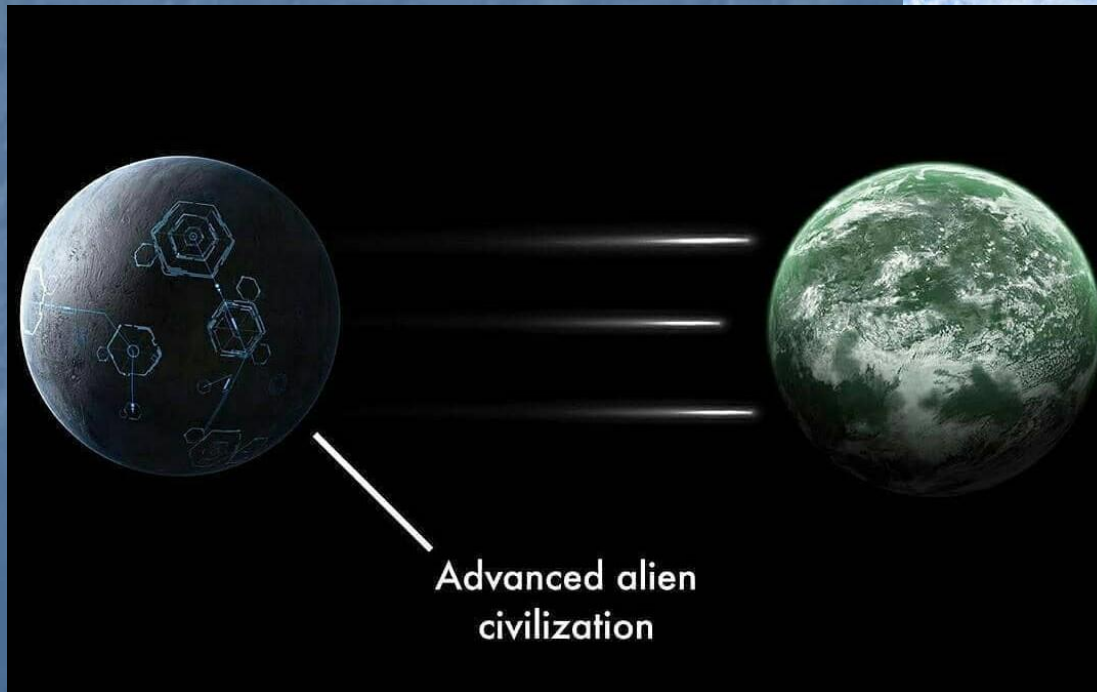
Theory of (Directed) Panspermia

Life seeded on earth from space

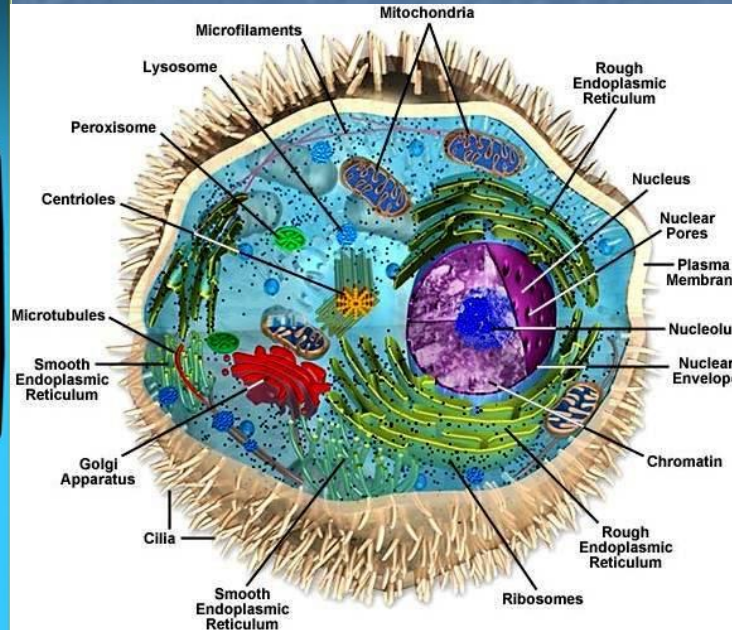
Directed Panspermia
(endorsed by Richard Dawkins)



Asteroid or
Meteorite origin
(endorsed by
Stephen Hawking
and Francis Crick)



Seeded or Designed by God?



Origin of Complex Life



“Hmm, must have been seeded from outer space

“Wow! Only from an intelligent designer!

Adaptation and Diversity of Life (Genetics)

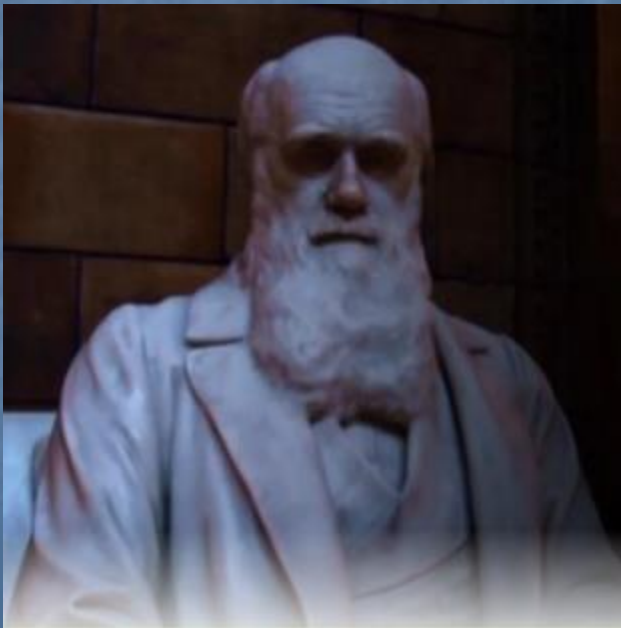


Natural Selection Proposed

*"I have called this principle by which **each slight variation, if useful, is preserved, by the term of **Natural Selection.**"***

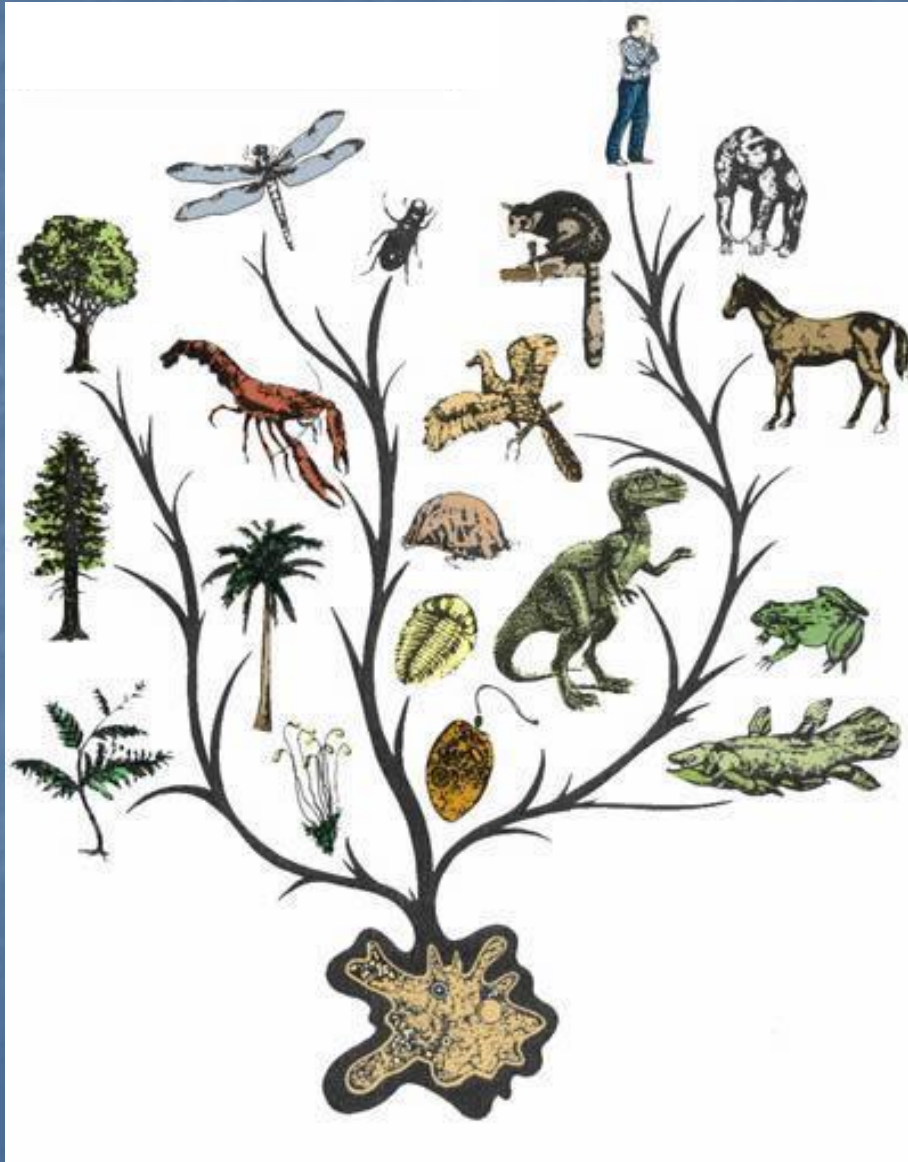
- Charles Darwin

Origin of Species



“If it could be demonstrated that any complex organ existed which could not possibly have been formed by numerous, successive, slight modifications, then **my theory would absolutely break down.**”

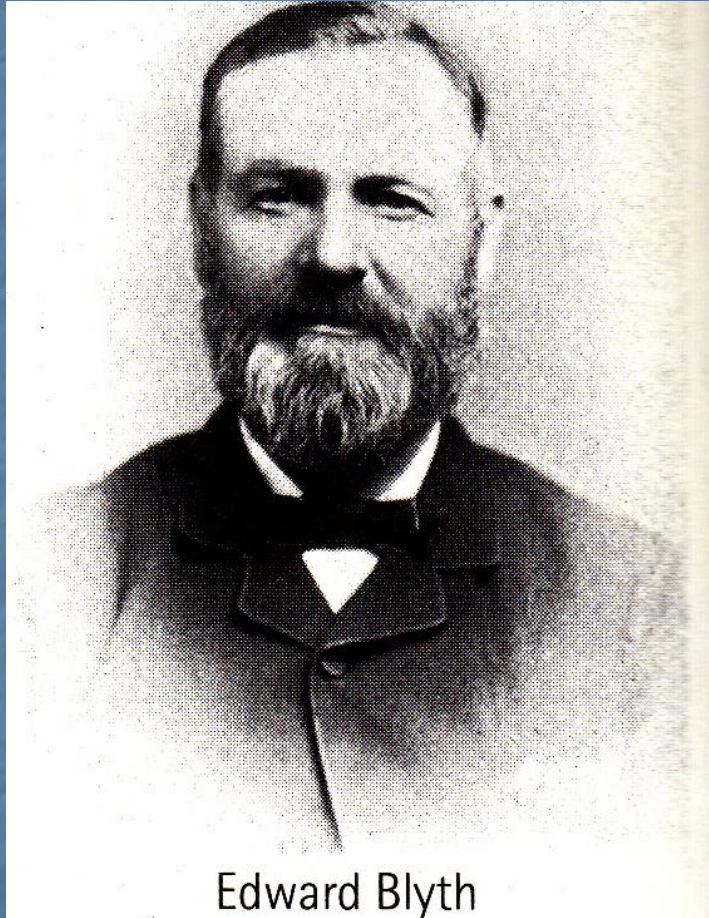
Evolution's Tree of Life



Molecules to
Man evolution

**Slight changes
(mutations)**
over millions of
years = new
organisms

Adaptation Proposed Earlier

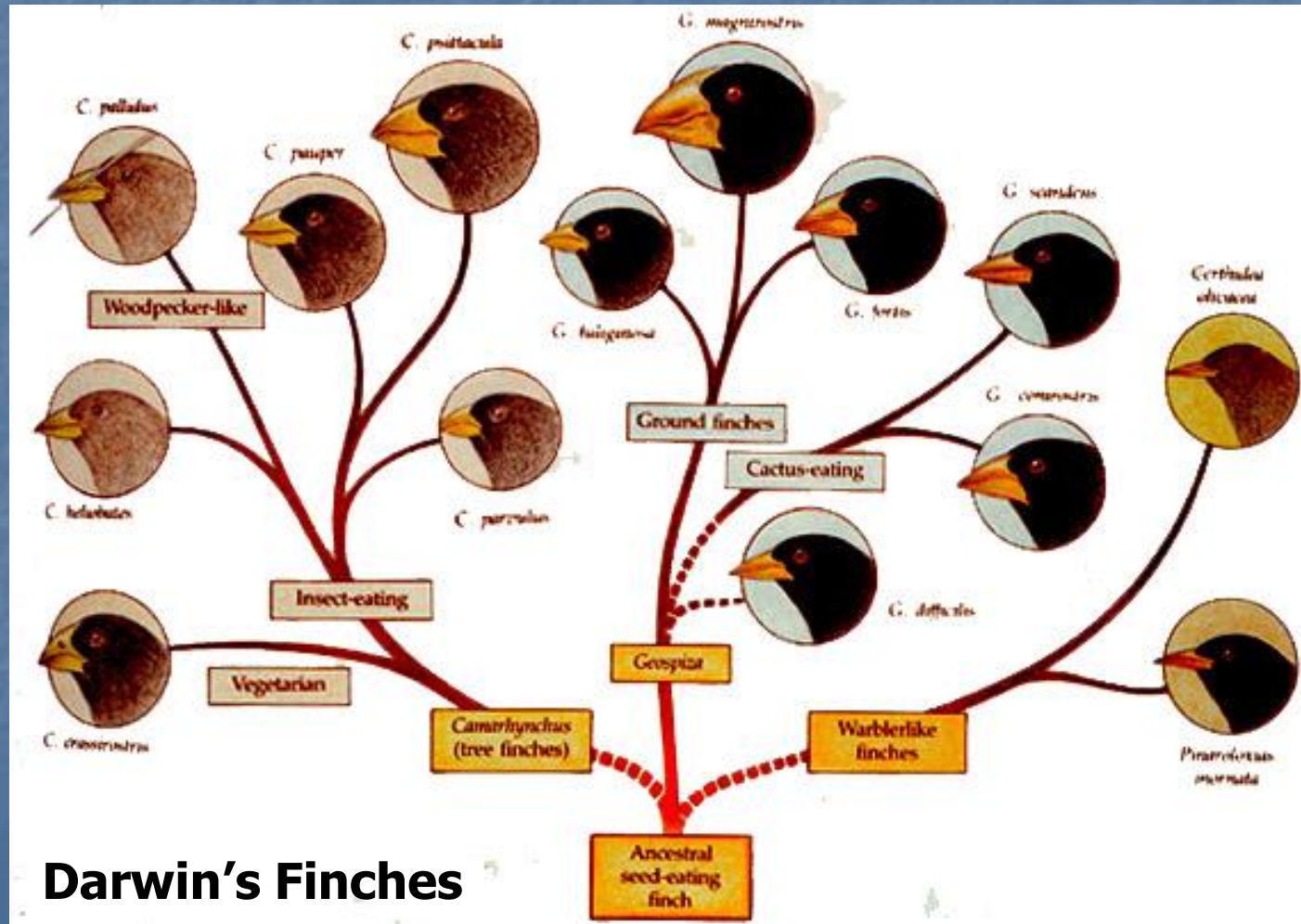


Edward Blyth

A creationist

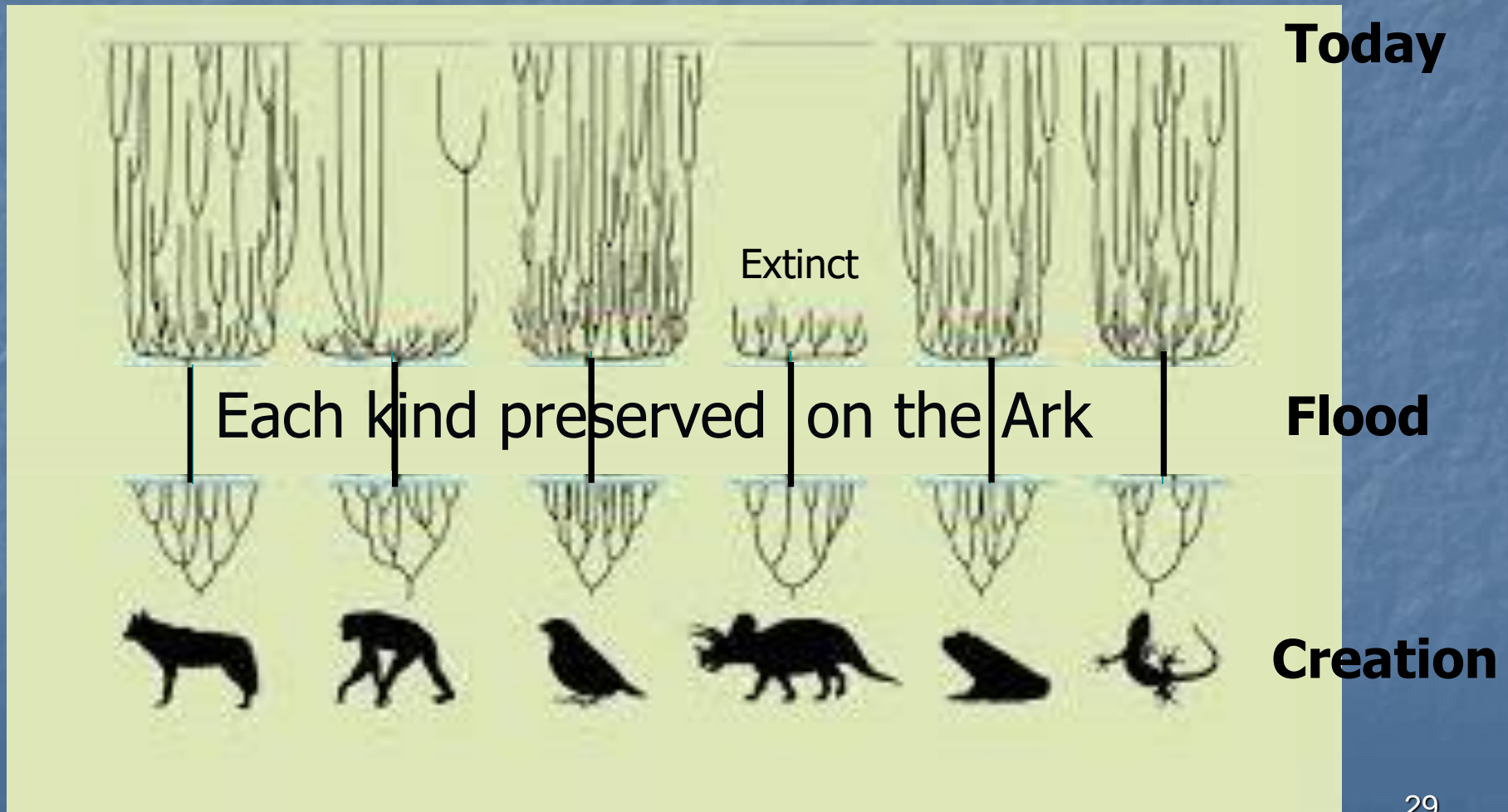
- A mechanism **designed by God** to allow His Creation to **adapt** and survive in a post-fall, post-flood world.
- Proposed 22 years **before Darwin**
- Better term: **Designed Adaptation**

Genetic Change - within "Kinds" Only (Natural Selection vs. Designed Adaptation)



Darwin's Finches

Speciation of Kinds (Families) An Orchard Morphology



Hybridization/Speciation



A “zedonk” – female zebra and male donkey

Other Examples

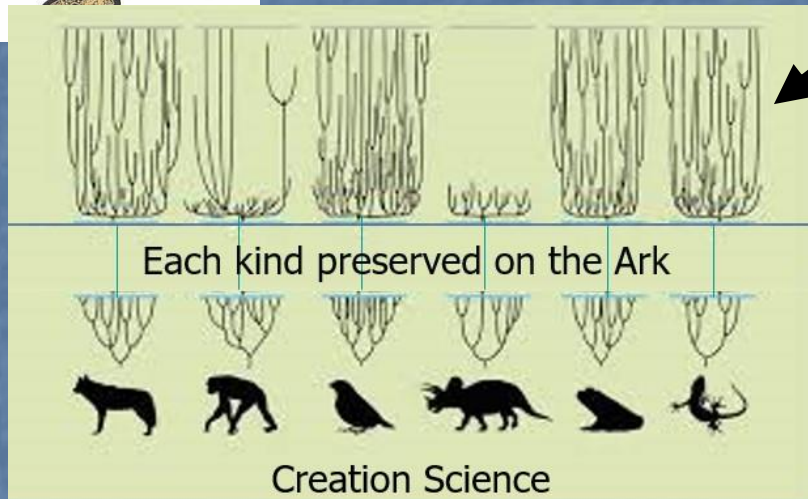


Camel and Llama
"Llamel"

Lion and Tiger
"Liger"



Common Ancestor or Designer?



“A single tree from a common ancestor”

“An 'orchard' of kinds from a common designer”

Designed Adaptation - Epigenetics

- **Chemical markers/tags** on the genome
- Added/removed by **environment changes**
 - Continuous Environmental Tracking
- Cause **genes** to be “**expressed**” differently – to be switched on/off
- **Designed in** to the DNA sequence
- **Inheritable**

Chemical Markers/Tags

- Show **God's forethought**
- They are **like punctuation** affecting meaning
 - A woman, without her man, is nothing
 - A woman: without her, man is nothing



- Examples
 - **Cave fish** eye loss in one generation
 - Darwin's **finches** beaks - in 2 years
 - **Carp** fish change shape – predator eating

“Junk” DNA is not Junk

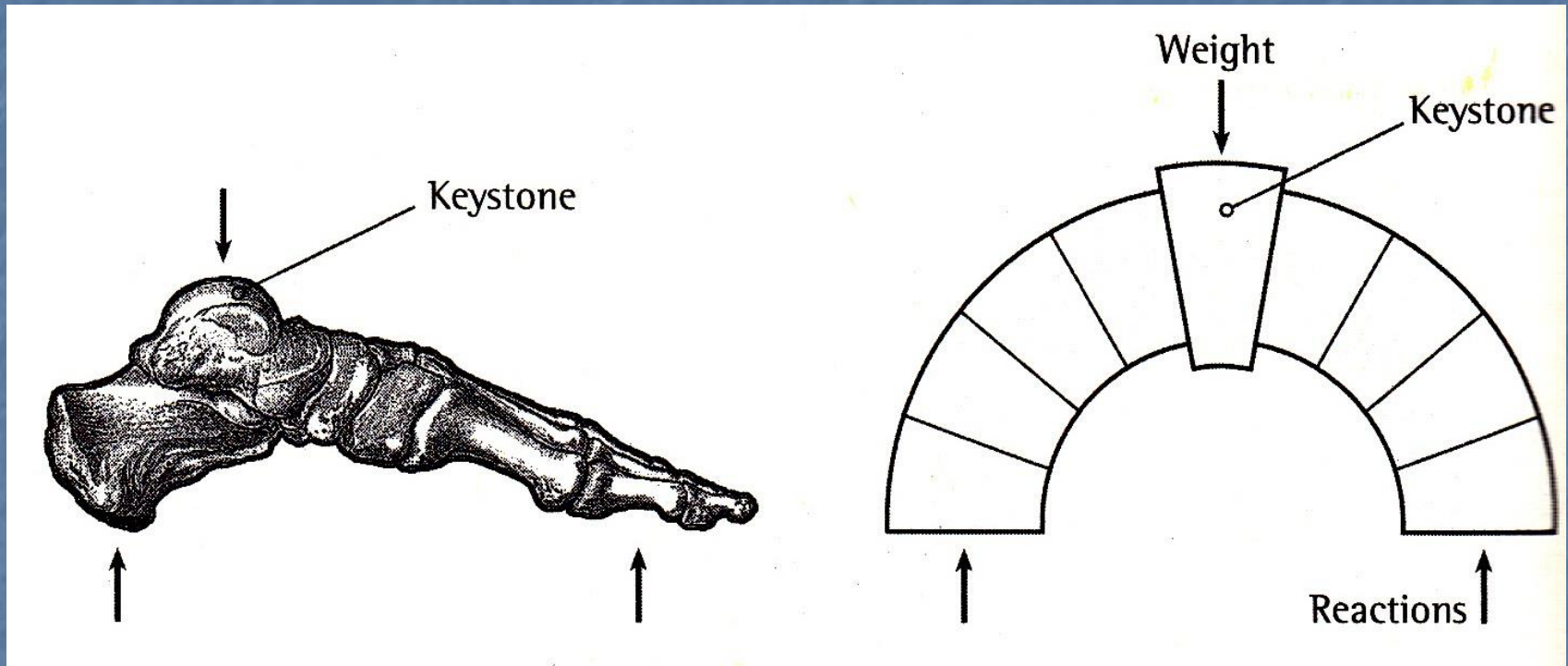
- 1972: “98% of genome is junk”
 - Supposed leftover from evolution
- 2012 **ENCODE** Project
 - Found **80% was functional**
 - Mostly for **regulating** protein production
 - **Packaging** DNA
 - Gene silencing
 - **Embryo Development**
 - Immune system
 - **Remaining 20% will likely be found functional**

Irreducible Complexity



- New organisms require **new favorable functions/traits**.
- New functions often require **multiple parts** to be in place **simultaneously**.
- Natural selection can only “select” if all **“beneficial” mutations** (parts) are already in place.

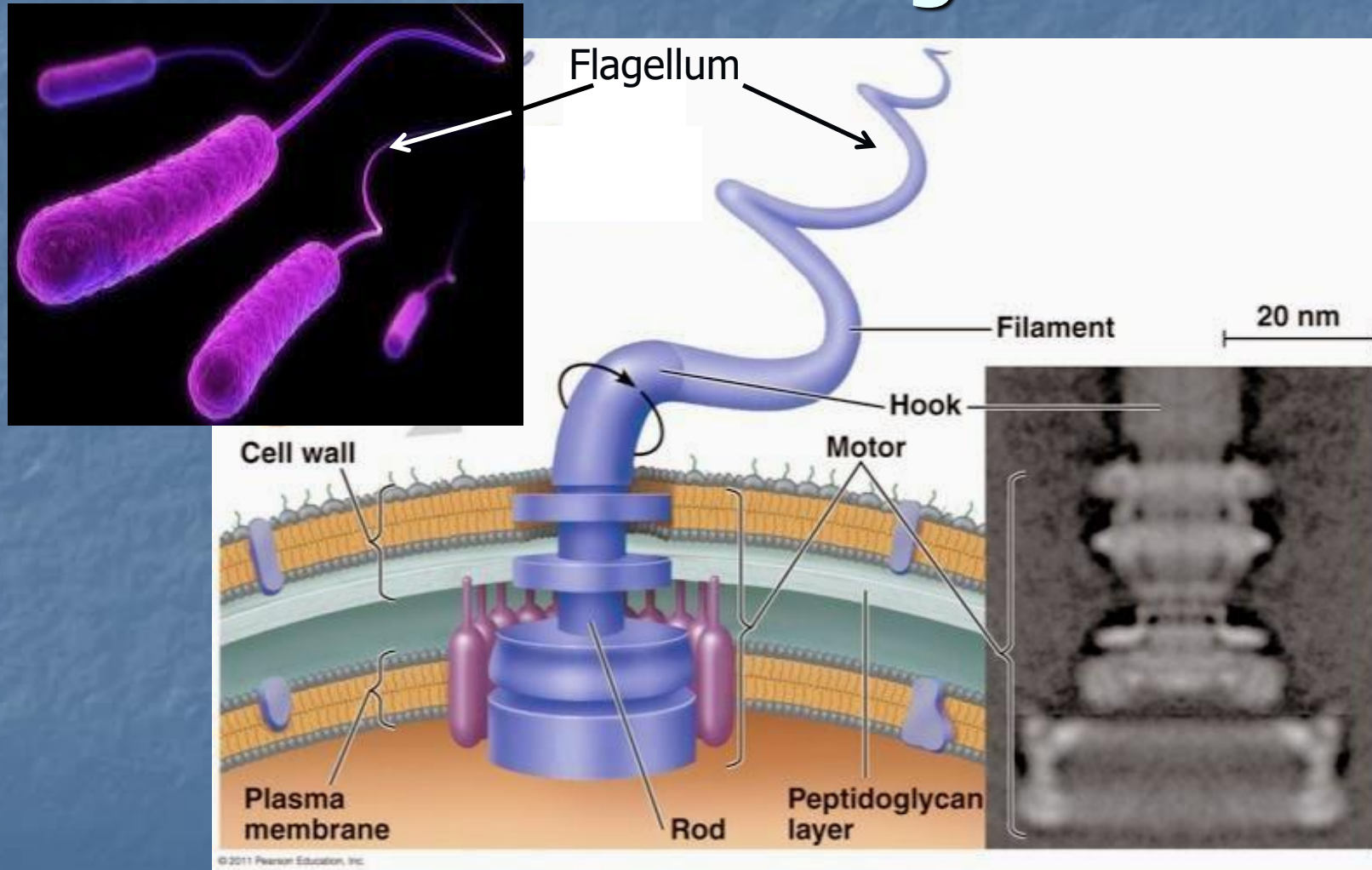
Irreducible Complexity (cont.)



- All bones of the foot **must be in place** for it to function properly
- It **couldn't evolve bone by bone** from the non-arched ape foot

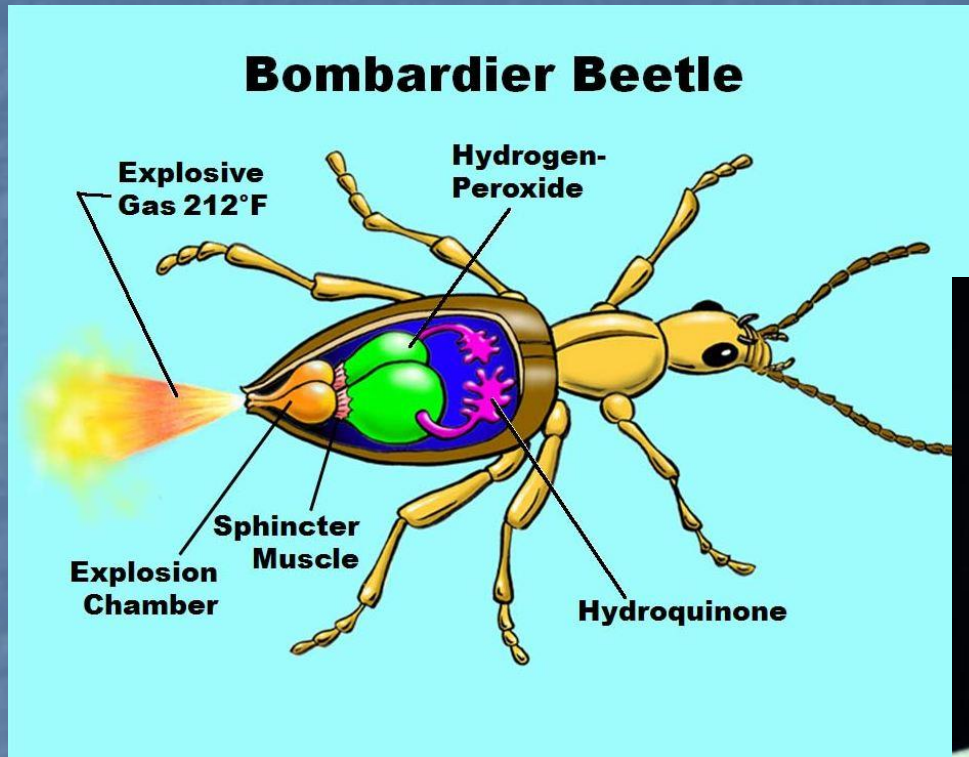
Irreducible Complexity

Bacterial Flagellum



a molecular outboard motor

Bombardier Beetle



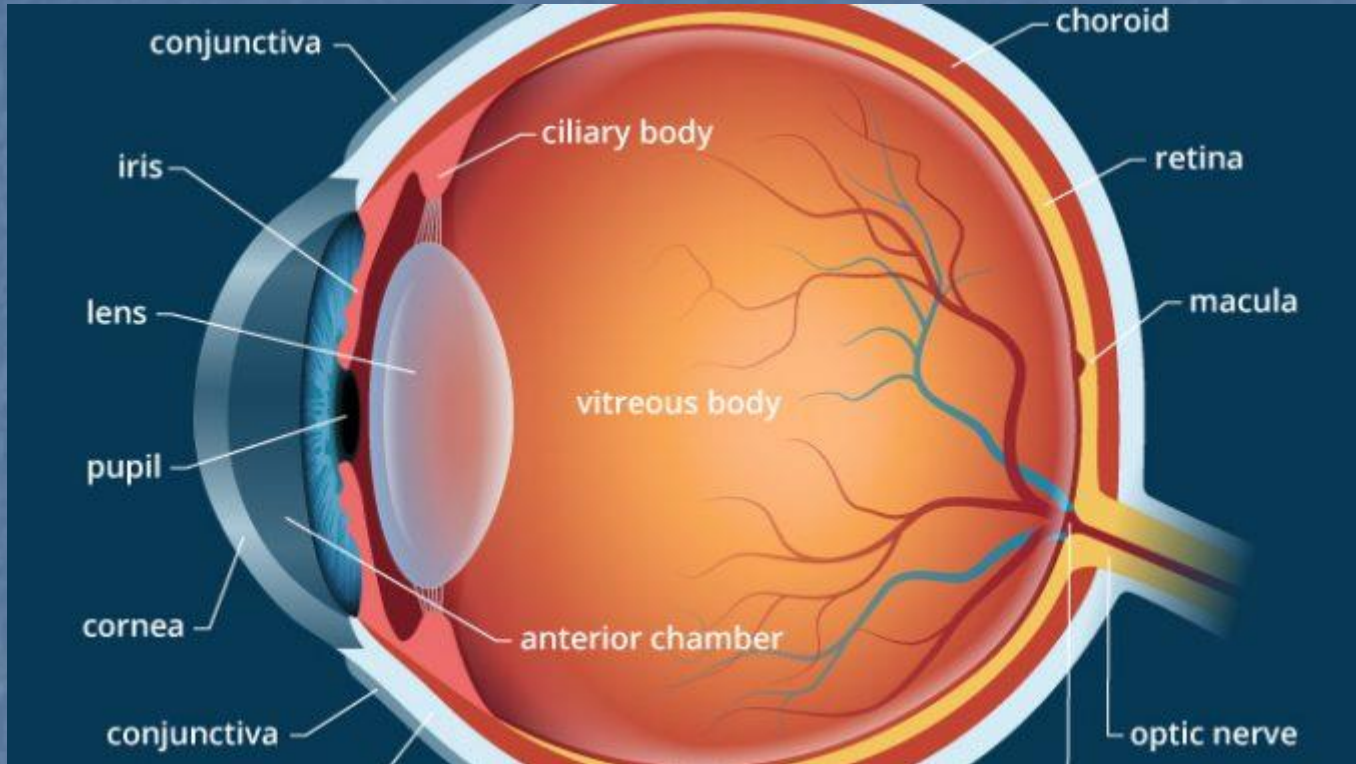
- All correct chemicals and functions must be in place simultaneously or else, "boom."

Darwin on Irreducible Complexity

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Origin of Species
(The Modern Library,
New York, 1936),135.

Darwin on the Eye



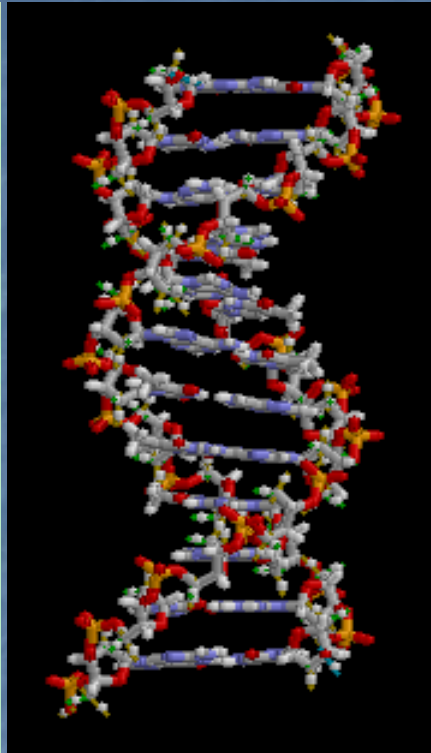
“To suppose that the eye could have been formed by natural selection seems, I freely confess, **absurd in the highest possible degree.**” -- Charles Darwin

Problems with Mutations

- For new traits, mutations need to be:
 - Relatively **Frequent**
 - **Beneficial**
 - **Meaningful sequence** or **simultaneous**
- But mutations are observed to be:
 - **Rare.**
 - Almost always **neutral or harmful**
 - Always **random**

Note: evolutionists are now proposing “**non-random**” mutations. (purpose?)

Mutations or Designed Adaptability?



“It’s all in the mutations and natural selection.”

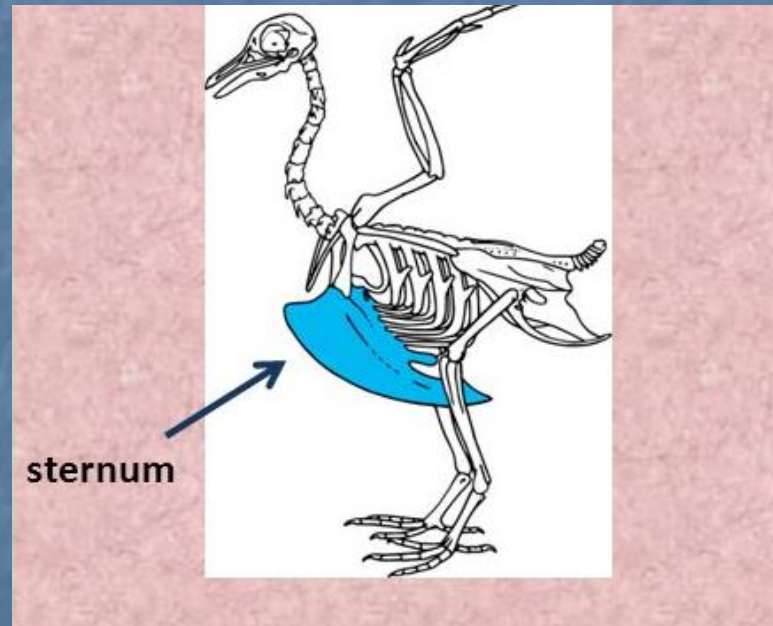
“It’s a genome with amazing designed adaptability!”

Bird Design

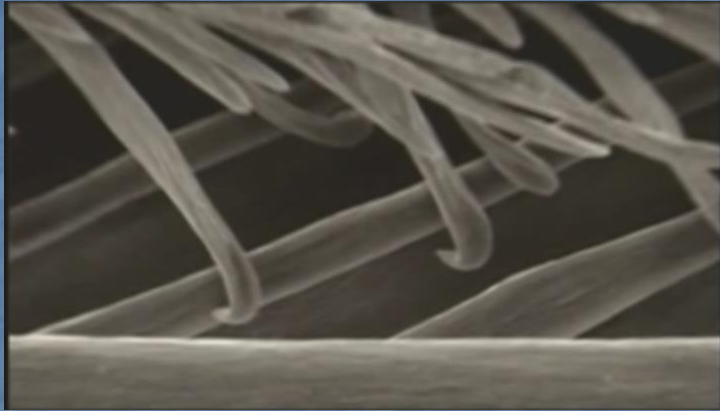


Hollow bones

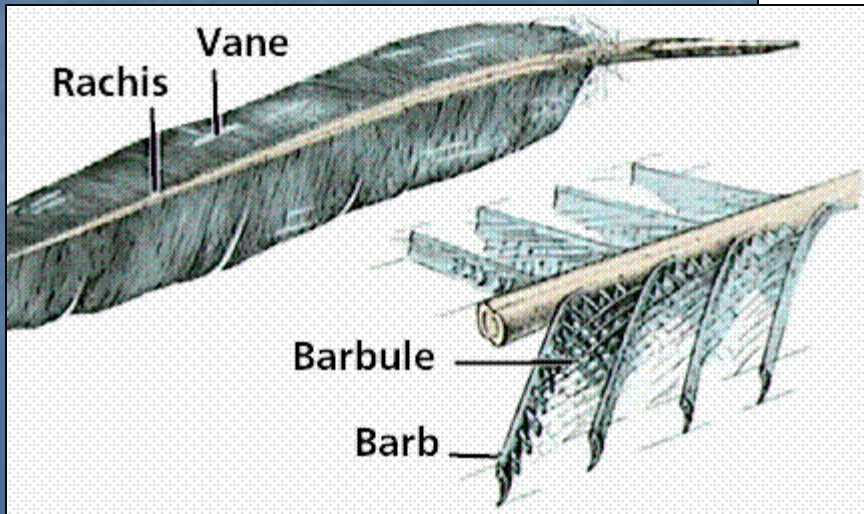
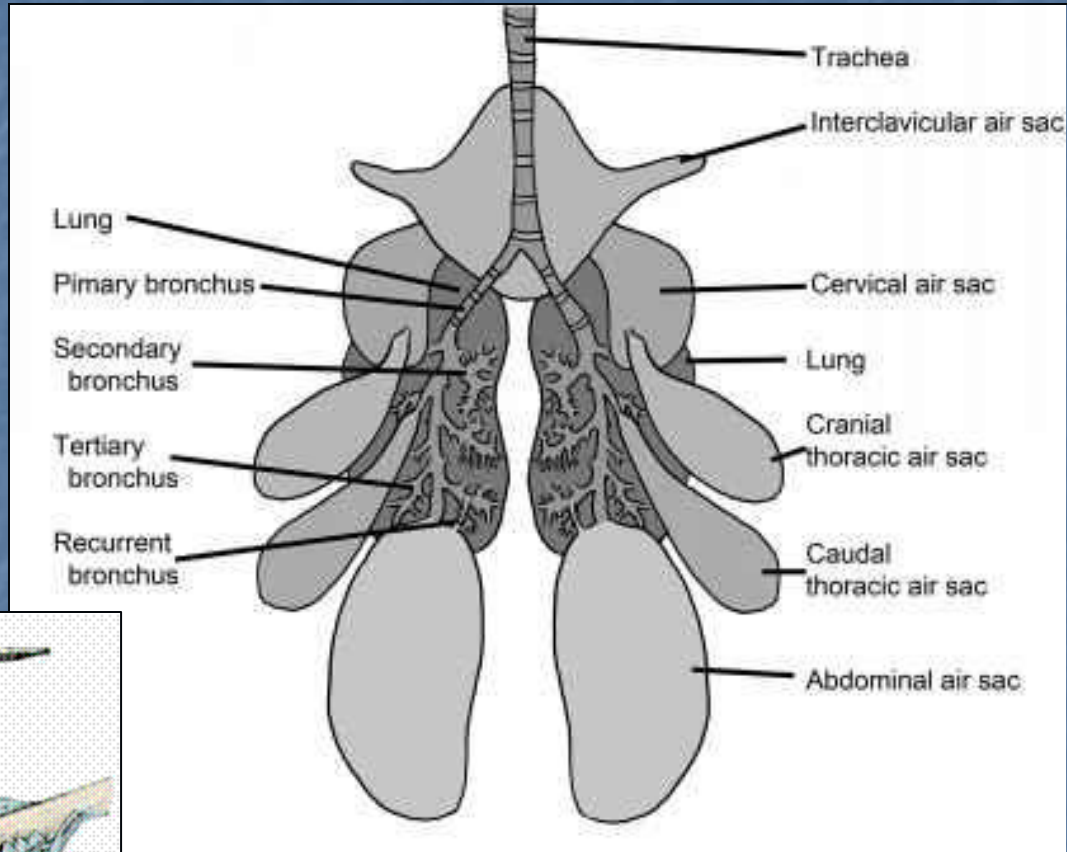
Strong sternum



Bird Design (cont.)



Feathers – evolved from scales?!



Lungs and Air sacs work together like a bellows

Intelligent Design



Mt Rushmore, South Dakota

God Created us on Purpose in His Image

- To have **dominion** over the created earth
- A **spiritual, moral being** with a free will
- **We can:**
 - Reason
 - Create
 - Appreciate beauty
 - Communicate in a language
 - Worship our creator

God created you
ON purpose
WITH purpose
FOR a purpose

He Created us for Dominion and Worship

- "... and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; **fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion** over the fish ... the birds ... and over every living thing that moves on the earth." Genesis 1:28
- "... who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and **worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator**, who is blessed forever. Amen." Romans 1:25

He Created us for Fellowship

- ... the LORD God **walking in the garden...**
called to Adam... Genesis 3:8,9
- God is faithful, by whom you were **called into the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.** 1 Cor 1:9
- ... **trust in the Lord with all your heart ...**
... in all your ways acknowledge, Him and
He shall direct your paths. Prov 3:5,6

Take-Aways

- God designed **earth for life**
- Life could **not** originate from **non-life**
- Life's **complexity** and **adaptability** shows **God's design** everywhere
- It is highly **unlikely** God created **life elsewhere** in the universe
- Each Christian has a God-given **purpose**
 - To **glorify** God
 - **Personally** be **guided** by God (Prov 3:5,6)
 - **Worship** and **fellowship** with God

Thanks for your Attention

