

## The Biochemical Problem with Evolution

“Darwin’s Black Box”, Michael Behe

“Intelligent Design”, William Dembski

“The Wedge of Truth”, Phillip Johnson

Evolutionists have for decades used examples of fins mutating to legs, legs mutating to wings, etc. as an example of how the evolutionary process may work. Behe demonstrates how this is child’s play compared to the modern understanding of life processes at the molecular level of biology. Intelligent design is the scientific opponent to Darwinism and current evolutionary theory. Apart from most of what you hear (philosophy) about evolution, Intelligent Design is scientific at it’s core.

### Intelligent Design

- the concept that things that are designed can be readily determined apart from chance occurrences. William Paley’s famous \_\_\_\_\_ example is still used widely today. Mount Rushmore? Mt. Ranier?

An attack that evolutionists readily take is to draw a line from design to designer. We obviously know that this is God, but it is a fallacy on their part to discredit design based on who designed it. Modern intelligent design theory does not concern itself with who designed it, but rather that it was designed. Newton didn’t go into how gravity worked, just that it did. There are thousands of scientific precedents for this approach. Understanding how something works is not the same as knowing how it was created.

“Inferences to design do not require that we have a candidate for the role of designer.” - Behe

### Behe’s Brilliance

Michael Behe was the first to back design with a serious attack on evolution. To date (almost eleven years after publication) there has still been no credible rebuttal. He is a molecular biologist and founded the term “\_\_\_\_\_”. This idea is that dozens of systems within the human body are complex such that if one part is missing, nothing works. A Rube Goldberg machine is an easy example. If one part is taken, or malfunctions, the entire process is a waste. A wooden mousetrap is another good example.

Behe goes through graduate-level detail on many of these processes including; cilium, blood clotting, cellular reproduction, antibodies, and the synthesis of AMP. All of these processes are irreducibly complex. If all of the parts are not there, and working correctly, the process does not work. They could not have slowly evolved over time, there would be no point.

If one of these parts came to be with no function (yet), evolutionary theory states that it would be eliminated.

### Detailed Example

Blood Clotting – Behe, “no one on earth has the vaguest idea how the coagulation cascade came to be”.

**What does this do for us?**

“Each of the anatomical steps and structures that Darwin thought were so simple actually involves staggeringly complicated biochemical processes that cannot be papered over with rhetoric.” - Behe

Lynn Margulis – “History will ultimately judge neo-Darwinism as a minor twentieth-century religious sect within the sprawling religious persuasion of Anglo-Saxon biology”.

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

“**Without numbers, there is no science**”, Behe. Most of what we’ve been taught and heard regarding evolution is not science, but rather philosophy. Most people do not question scientists (don’t they know more than we do?), but most of what is popularized is not science at all. We must look for the philosophical statements and weed them out.

**Objections**

Evolutionists are not stupid. If they accept design, they know they are opening the door to God (the designer).

Many scientists today are naturalists and will not allow anything supernatural, even if it violates Occam’s Razor, "Entities should not be multiplied unnecessarily." Or as it is used today - "when you have two competing theories which make exactly the same predictions, the one that is simpler is the better."

And the cherry on top – Richard Dawkins (leading evolutionist), “Anyone who denies evolution is either ignorant, stupid, insane (or wicked – but I’d rather not consider that.)”

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“Just as, centuries ago, the honest thinker had to be willing to follow inquiry even if it led to a godless universe, so today the honest thinker has to be willing to follow the inquiry even if it leads to a God-governed universe,” Dallas Willard

“It was Darwin’s expulsion of design from biology that made possible the triumph of naturalism in Western culture. So, too, it will be intelligent design’s reinstatement of design within biology that will be the undoing of naturalism in Western culture,” William Dembski