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A BIBLE STUDY

KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT FAST

ATHEISM

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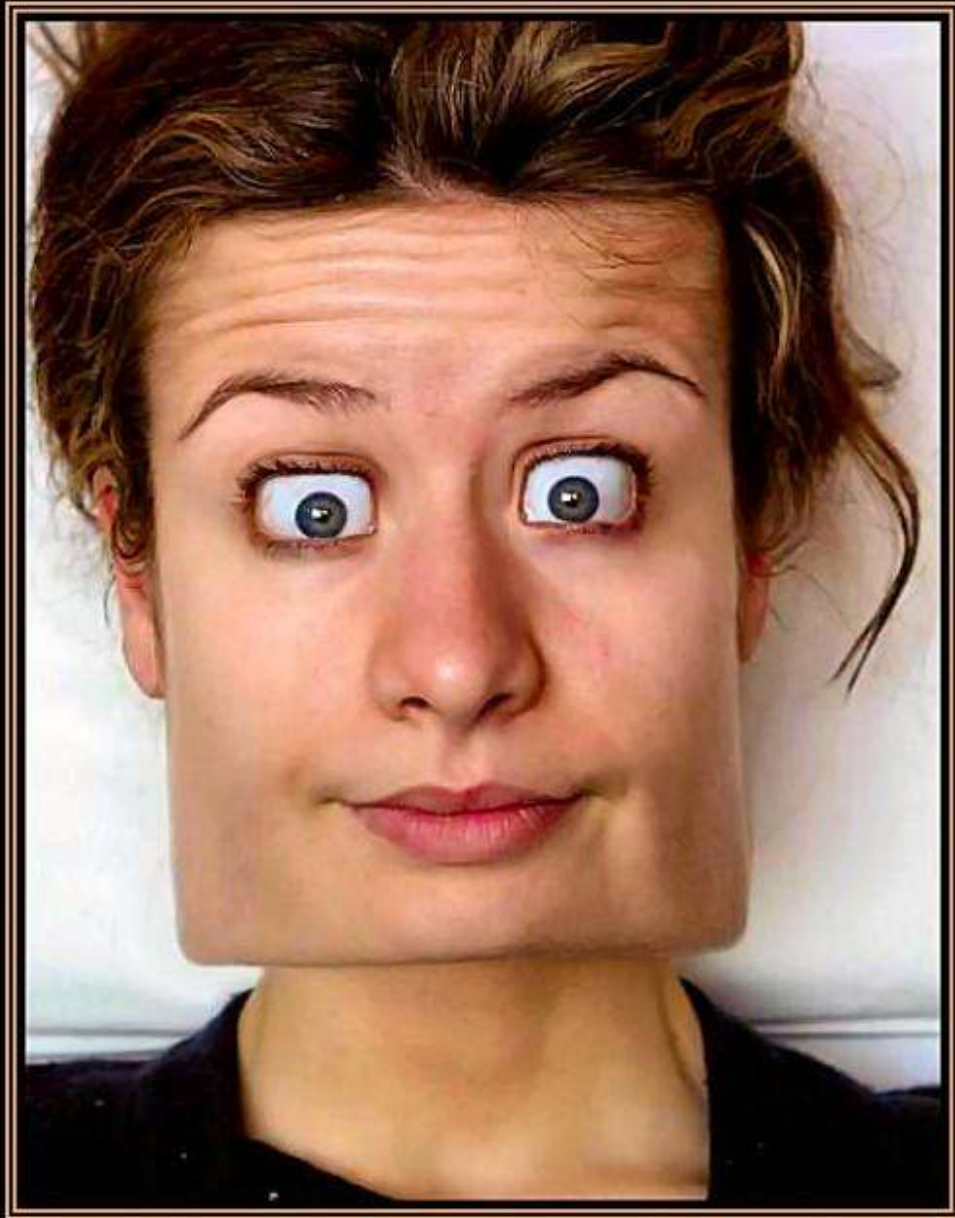
Atheist: What's this fly doing in my soup?

Waiter: Praying.

Atheist: Very funny. I can't eat this. Take it back.

Waiter: You see? The fly's prayers were answered.

An atheist is walking through the countryside when he is ambushed by a huge grizzly bear. "Oh God!" he screams "Help me!" The bear stops in its tracks and a voice from the heavens rings out "All your life you've said you don't believe in me, slandered my name and now you want my help?" "I realise that my request is rather bold," replies the atheist "but would it be possible for you to make this bear a Christian?" "Of course it is!" replies God. The bear closes its eyes and clasps its paws in prayer and says "Thank you Father for this meal I am about to receive..."



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THE R.U.S.H. BIBLE STUDY ARGUMENTS AGAINST ATHEISM
(Taken from the R.B.S. Bible Study Supplemental Studies Packet)

WHAT THE ATHEIST MUST BELIEVE: *AND MY RESPONSES IN BLUE ITALIZED.*

1. THAT DESIGN REQUIRES NO DESIGNER.

(WHEN YOU TRAVEL THE WORLD AND SEE THE BEAUTIFUL MOUNTAIN RANGES YOU ARE AWED BY THEIR MAJESTY. WHEN YOU COME ACROSS MOUNT RUSHMORE YOU DON'T CONCLUDE THAT HAPPENED BY EROSION. IT IS CLEAR THEY WERE DESIGNED. WE LIVING HUMANS ARE FAR MORE COMPLEX THAN MOUNT RUSHMORE, YET THE ATHEIST EXPECTS US TO BELIEVE THAT WE ARE NOT DESIGNED? THAT WE ARE NOT THE PRODUCT OF INTELLIGENT DESIGN?)

2. THAT CREATION HAD NO CREATOR.

*(THE FLAW IN THIS SUPPOSITION IS IT VIOLATES A FUNDAMENTAL LAW OF SCIENCE. THAT LAW IS **CAUSE AND EFFECT**, ALSO KNOWN AS CAUSALITY. ARISTOTLE ASSERTED THAT WE LIVE IN A WORLD GOVERNED BY LAW, NOT CHANCE. HE STATED THAT EVERYTHING HAPPENS FOR A REASON, WHETHER OR NOT WE KNOW WHAT THAT REASON IS. HE SAID EVERY EFFECT HAS A SPECIFIC CAUSE OR CAUSES. EVERY ACTION HAS AN EFFECT OF SOME KIND, WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR NOT. **THIS IS CALLED A GRANDFATHER LAW. A LAW THAT ALL SUBSEQUENT SCIENCE IS BASED ON.** THE VERY EXERCISE OF SCIENCE IS OBSERVING AN EFFECT, AND FIGURING OUT WHY THAT EFFECT OCCURRED. IF SOMETHING IS CREATED, THE QUESTION BECOMES WHO? AND WHY?)*

3. THAT NOTHING DID SOMETHING TO NOTHING TO CREATE EVERYTHING.

(ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THE VIOLATION OF CAUSALITY. NOTHING DOING SOMETHING HAS NEVER BEEN OBSERVED. WE KNOW SCIENTIFICALLY THAT SPACE, TIME AND MATTER HAD A BEGINNING. HOW? WHO? WHY? THE ATHEIST ANSWERS THESE QUESTIONS WITH NOTHING. WE ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS WITH GOD. BOTH ARE POSITIONS OF FAITH. WHICH IS MORE PLAUSIBLE?)

4. THAT THE COSMOS IS ETERNAL DESPITE THE BORDE-GUTH-VILENKIN THEOREM.

(ANY UNIVERSE THAT EXPANDS CANNOT HAVE AN INFINITE PAST, BUT MUST HAVE A PAST SPACE-TIME BOUNDARY WHICH IS EVIDENCED BY THE OBSERVED EXPANSION OF SPACE, AND THE DISCOVERY OF CMB, THE UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION OF COSMIC MICROWAVE BACKGROUND RADIATION. THE ATHEISTIC POSITION HERE ALSO COMMITS A LOGICAL FALLACY. IF HISTORY HAS A PAST THAT EXTENDS TO INFINITY, THEN WE WOULD HAVE NEVER ARRIVED AT TODAY.)

5. THAT PHYSICAL LAWS DO NOT REQUIRE A LAW GIVER.

(THE EASIEST WAY TO EXPOSE THIS FALLACY IS GRAVITY. THE LAW OF GRAVITY DESCRIBES OUR AFFINITY TO THE EARTH FOR INSTANCE AND THE EARTH'S AFFINITY TO THE SUN ETC. THIS LAW IS NECESSARY FOR LIFE AND SCIENCE ETC. BUT WHY DOES IT EXIST AND HOW? WE HAVE NO EXPLANATION IN SCIENCE. WE DON'T KNOW HOW THIS HAPPENS OR WHY.)

6. THAT PHYSICAL LAWS NEED NO LAW ENFORCER.

*(WE KNOW THAT NATURE IS GOVERNED BY LAWS THROUGH WELL ESTABLISHED SCIENTIFIC ENDEVOUR. LIKE THE EXAMPLE OF GRAVITY ABOVE, IT IS A LAW. AND IT IS ENFORCED. THE LAWS OF MAN THAT ARE ESTABLISHED BY THOSE THAT GOVERN US ARE ENFORCED BY THOSE GOVERNMENTS ISSUING THOSE LAWS. THE LAWS DO NOT ENFORCE THEMSELVES. IF THE LAWS THAT GOVERN NATURE CLEARLY ARE BEING ENFORCED, WHO IS ENFORCING THEM? AND WHY?
WE KNOW ONE THING FOR SURE, NOTHING CANNOT ENFORCE ANYTHING.)*

7. THAT FINE-TUNING REQUIRES NO FINE-TUNER.

(AS IN THE FINE-TUNING OF THE UNIVERSE REQUIRED TO ALLOW SURVIVAL OF LIFE. IF YOU PLAY A STRINGED INSTRUMENT SAY, YOU KNOW FROM TIME TO TIME IT WILL STRAY FROM TUNE. WHEN THIS HAPPENS YOU RE-TUNE IT. NOONE WHO PLAYS AN INSTRUMENT WILL EXPECT IT TO RE-TUNE ITSELF. YET THE ATHEIST EXPECTS US TO BELIEVE THAT ALL OF NATURE WAS TUNED BY ITSELF, AND REMAINS TUNED ON ITS OWN. THE UNIVERSE IS FAR MORE COMPLEX THAN A PIANO OR GUITAR. YET IT TUNED ITSELF, AND MAINTAINS THAT TUNING ITSELF. ABSURD.)

8. THAT NON-LIVING MATTER CAN GIVE/CREATE LIFE.

(THERE IS IN ALL THE HISTORY OF NATURE NOT ONE EXAMPLE OF NON-LIFE CREATING LIFE. EVERY EXAMPLE WE HAVE OF LIFE, CAME FROM PREVIOUS LIFE. AND YET WE ARE EXPECTED TO BELIEVE THAT ALL LIFE (AND TIME AND MATTER) CAME FROM NON-LIFE? THE FURTHER WE GO IN THIS LIST THE STUPIDER THE ATHEIST GETS.)

9. THAT DNA CODING HAS THE ABILITY TO EMERGE RANDOMLY, AND SUCCESSFULLY, WITHOUT A PROGRAMMER AND FROM NOTHING.

(SO NOW WE TAKE THE NEXT STEP IN THE WALK TO LA LA LAND WITH NOTHING CREATING EVERYTHING, TUNING EVERYTHING, AND KEEPING EVERYTHING TUNED, TO NOW PROGRAMMING THOSE INGREDIENTS INTO USABLE DNA.

10. THAT MACHINES (SUCH AS THE BACTERIAL FLAGELLUM) CAN ASSEMBLE THEMSELVES RANDOMLY AND WITHOUT HAVING BEEN DESIGNED TO DO SO.

(THIS VIOLATES THE PRINCIPLES OF IRREDUCIBLE COMPLEXITY. THIS IS A PATTERN OF LOGIC WHERE IF SOMETHING HAS INDIVIDUAL PARTS, IT COULD NOT HAVE EVOLVED THAT WAY. THE PARTS WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE OR "EVOLVE" SEPERATLEY AND THEN BE ASSEMBLED. IF YOU FIND A WATCH LAYING ON THE BEACH, YOU WOULDN'T ASSUME IT EVOLVED INTO THE WATCH, YOU KNOW THAT THE PARTS WERE MADE INDIVIDUALLY AND THEN IT WAS ASSEMBLED.)

11. THAT THE PROTEIN FACTORIES THAT BUILD BIOLOGICAL MACHINES CAN EXIST WITHOUT AN INTELLIGENT DESIGNER.

(ALL LIFE RELIES ON COMPLEX MOLECULAR MACHINES CALLED RIBOSOMES.THESE MACHINES MANUFACTURE PROTIENS FOR CELLS. THESE RIBOSOMES ARE VERY COMPLEX AND WORK WITH AN EXTREEMLY HIGH AMOUNG OF PROFICIENCY. THEY REGULATE GENE EXPRESSION (AMONG OTHER THINGS) THAT GOVERN THE PHYSIOLOGICAL BALANCE KNOWN AS CELLULAR HOMEOSTASIS.)

THE ASSEMBLY OF RIBOSOMES, WHICH ARE COMPRISED OF ONE LARGE AND ONE SMALL SUBUNIT, IS A COMPLEX AND ENERGETICALLY DEMANDING PROCESS THAT REQUIRES THE COORDINATED ACTION OF HUNDREDS OF COMPOUNDS CALLED 'RIBOSOME ASSEMBLY FACTORS' WHOSE FUNCTIONS ARE POORLY UNDERSTOOD. THEY ARE OBVIOUSLY THE PRODUCT OF A VERY SKILLED MIND AND ADVANCED DESIGN.

12. THAT THE THEORY OF EVOLUTION EXPLAINS BIODIVERSITY DESPITE THE 2ND LAW OF THERMO-DYNAMICS BEING IN DIRECT CONFLICT.

THE SECOND LAW OF THERMODYNAMICS STATES THAT AS ENERGY IS TRANSFERRED OR TRANSFORMED, MORE AND MORE OF IT IS WASTED. IT'S ONE OF THE FOUR LAWS OF THERMODYNAMICS, WHICH DESCRIBE THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THERMAL ENERGY, (OR HEAT), AND OTHER FORMS OF ENERGY, AND HOW ENERGY AFFECTS MATTER.

THE FIRST LAW OF THERMODYNAMICS STATES THAT ENERGY CANNOT BE CREATED OR DESTROYED; THE TOTAL QUANTITY OF ENERGY IN THE UNIVERSE STAYS THE SAME.

THE SECOND LAW OF THERMODYNAMICS IS ABOUT THE NATURE OF ENERGY. THE SECOND LAW ALSO STATES THAT **THERE IS A NATURAL TENDENCY OF ANY ISOLATED SYSTEM TO DEGENERATE INTO A MORE DISORDERED STATE, ACCORDING TO BOSTON UNIVERSITY.**

THIS IS THE OPPOSITE OF EVOLUTION, IT IS DE-EVOLUTION.

SAIBAL MITRA, A PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS AT MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY, FINDS THE SECOND LAW TO BE THE MOST INTERESTING OF THE FOUR LAWS OF THERMODYNAMICS. "THERE ARE A NUMBER OF WAYS TO STATE THE SECOND LAW," MITRA TOLD LIVE SCIENCE. "AT A VERY MICROSCOPIC LEVEL, IT SIMPLY SAYS THAT IF YOU HAVE A SYSTEM THAT IS ISOLATED, ANY NATURAL PROCESS IN THAT SYSTEM **PROGRESSES IN THE DIRECTION OF INCREASING DISORDER, OR ENTROPY, OF THE SYSTEM.**"

MITRA EXPLAINED THAT ALL PROCESSES RESULT IN AN INCREASE IN ENTROPY. EVEN WHEN ORDER IS INCREASED IN A SPECIFIC LOCATION, FOR EXAMPLE BY THE SELF-ASSEMBLY OF MOLECULES TO FORM A LIVING ORGANISM, WHEN YOU TAKE THE ENTIRE SYSTEM INCLUDING THE ENVIRONMENT INTO ACCOUNT, **THERE IS ALWAYS A NET INCREASE IN ENTROPY.** THIS MAKES EVOLUTION IMPOSSIBLE.

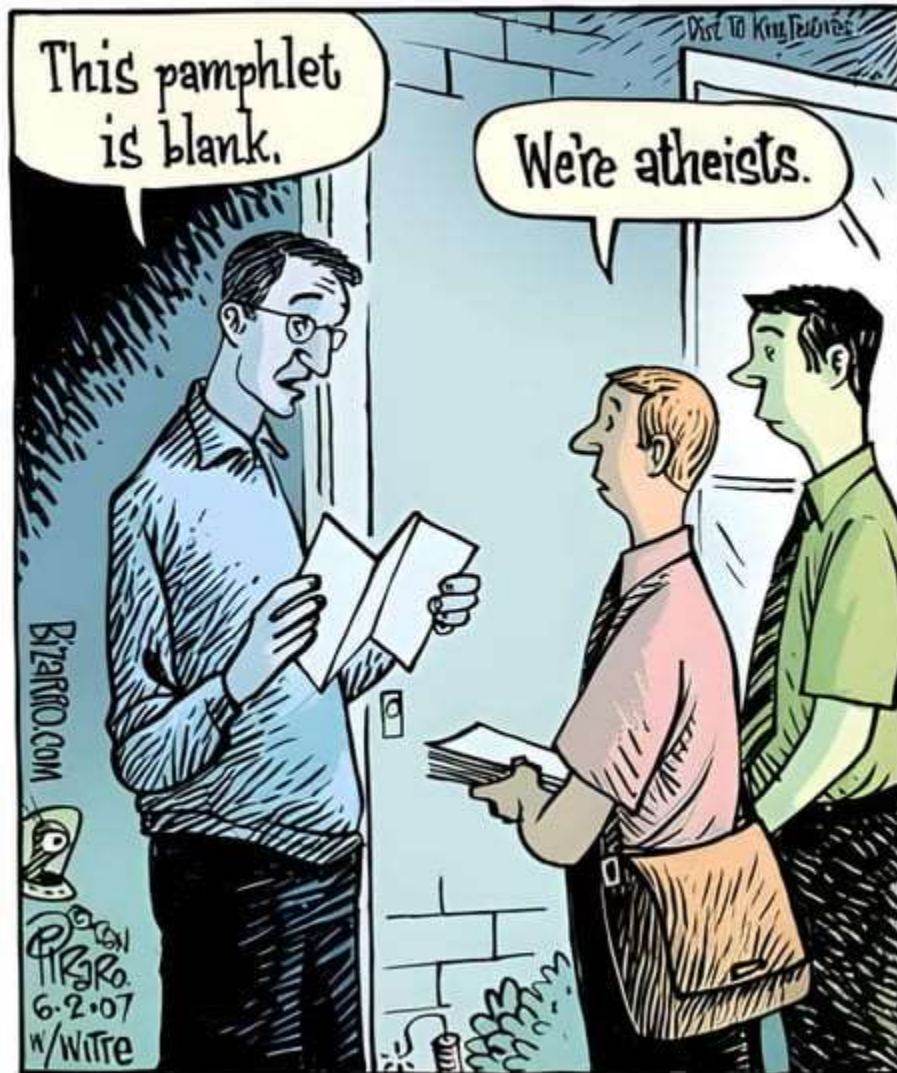
13. THAT INERT CARBON BASED MATTER (OR ANY MATTER TO BE HONEST WITH YOU) CAN PRODUCE THOUGHT, SELF AWARENESS, CONSCIOUSNESS OR MORALITY.

WE ARE EXPECTED TO BELIEVE THIS AT FACE VALUE WITH ZERO EXAMPLES OBSERVED, BY FAITH. I DECLINE TO AQUIESCE.

14. THAT THERE IS NO LIFE AFTER DEATH.

(DESPITE TESTIMONY IN THE 1,000'S TO THE CONTRARY INVOLVING PEOPLE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY AND WHERE REVIVED THAT WITNESSED PROVABLE EVENTS THEY COULD NOT HAVE SEEN DURING OPERATIONS.)

TO QUOTE THE GENIUS OF DR. FRANK TUREK, "I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH FAITH TO BE AN ATHEIST"



Christian: I believe God created everything.

Atheist: That's stupid, prove it.

Christian: Really? How do you think it all got here?

Atheist: I believe nothing created it.

"The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God." Psalm 14:1b

