

I am going to attempt a review of Philip Johnson's book, "Defeating Darwinism."

All of you may not understand the terms, but your children/grandchildren deal with them in High School and College. You must deal with them in teaching those who are in the world.

Let me emphasize. Science deals with material things.

Gen 1:1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. (2) The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

There was a beginning. God said so. Science calls it the “Big Bang”.

In 1965, the cosmic microwave background radiation was discovered, which was crucial evidence in favor of the Big Bang model. In 1998, measurements of the redshifts of supernovae indicate that the expansion of the universe is accelerating. The known physical laws of nature can be used to calculate the characteristics of the universe in detail back in time to an initial state of extreme density and temperature.

The Bible says God not only prepared the initial state of extreme density and temperature, he also started the expansion.

The fact that there was a beginning contradicts the proposal of the “steady state theory” which claimed the universe was eternal in its nature, with no beginning. Until 1929, non-believing scientists did not doubt this.

Francis Crick (of DNA structure fame) likes Richard Dawkins, who in his book, “The Blind Watchmaker”, points out that man “in his peculiar tastes that have produced (by selective breeding, not by ‘design’) the freaks of nature we see preserved all around us as domestic dogs” in “only a few thousand years.” Crick points out that the “time required to do this, on an evolutionary scale of hundreds of millions of years is extraordinarily short. So we should not be surprised at the ever greater variety of creatures that natural selections has produced on this much larger time scale.”

distinctive breeds
started about 3,000-
4,000 years ago when
greyhound-type dogs
were depicted on
pottery and paintings
in Egypt and Western
Asia



Here we have Francis Crick, an incredibly gifted scientist, failing to acknowledge that the breeding of any domestic animal requires “a preexisting purposeful intelligence.”

When you don't carefully select the dogs to mate, you get a mutt.

Science deals with materials and their behavior – not information.

“The gene is a package of information, not an object.” “The DNA molecule is the medium, it’s not the message.”

George C. Williams, an evolutionary biologist, said, “life contains a distinct nonmaterial component called information.”

“You can speak of galaxies and particles of dust in the same terms because they both have mass and charge and length and width. You can’t do that with information and matter. Information doesn’t have mass or charge and length in millimeters.”

“This dearth of shared descriptors makes matter and information two separate domains of existence, which have to be discussed separately, in their own terms.”

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

“In the beginning was the concept and the working out of that concept in the mind of the author or designer. Thereafter the concept was recorded, or realized in matter. Matter is important, but secondary. The Word (information is not reducible to matter, and even precedes matter.”

If only matter existed in the beginning, where did the information come from?

An evolutionist takes the view, “In the beginning were the particles, and everything else came only from them.”

“Highly complex information that is independent of matter implies an intelligent source that produced the information.”

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Just like two books. There are many forms of containing the information, but the message comes from the authors. – the designers, if you will.

Random typing of letters will not provide you with “To be or not to be, that is the _____.”

“To be or not to be, that is the gesornenplatz.”
(courtesy of Bob Newhart)

31 one things taken from 27 possibilities (the alphabet and the spaces, leaving out the punctuation) randomly gives a likelihood of 1 in 3.1×10^{28} power

3.2×10^7 seconds in a year. 13.5 billion years as the age of the universe gives only 4.3×10^{14} seconds.

Multiply that by the 9 billion persons estimated to have ever lived on the earth , each typing 1 letter per second for all 13.5 billion years, and you get 3.7×10^{21} and you're still not there by a factor of 10 million.

What do we know?

Life consists not just of matter (chemicals) but also information.

Information is not reducible to matter but is a different kind of “stuff”

Complex, specified information of the kind found in a book or biological cell cannot be produced by chance or at the direction of chemical or physical laws.

Biological systems are incredibly complex. The interactions which bring you vision take place in picoseconds (about the time for an object traveling at the speed of light to cross a hair). The system is irreducibly complex. Take out any part and the system fails.

A mousetrap is an example of an irreducibly complex system. A board, a spring, a bracket for hitting the mouse, a lever to retain the bracket until the mouse steps on the bait holder, the requisite hooks to hold everything in place. Take anything away and the mouse trap fails.



What happens to the mousetrap if you take away one part? Any part?

The irreducibly complex system fails. No information is present and the trap will never improve itself.

But as complex a biological systems are and recognizing all the information they contain, where did the information come from?

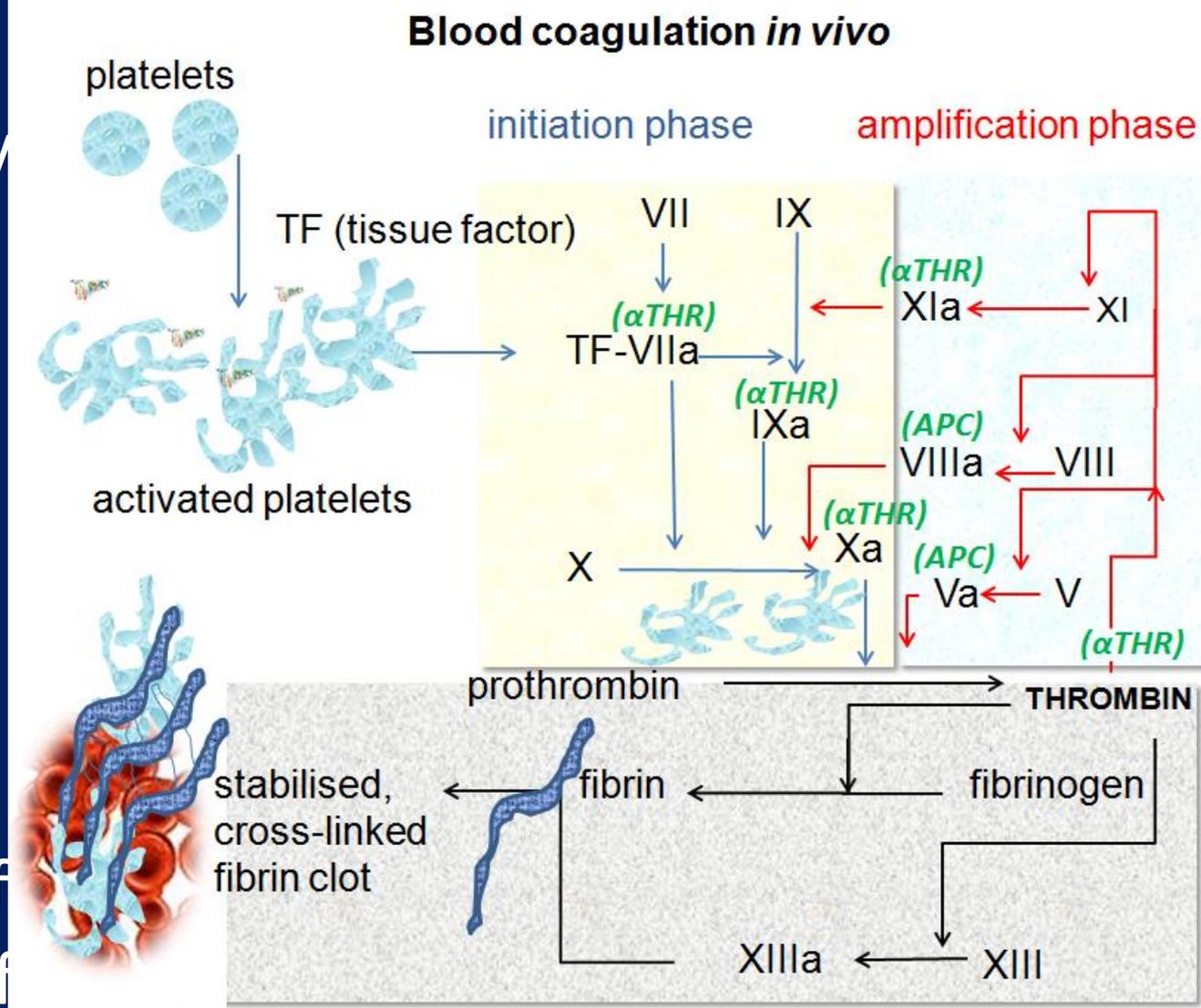
Was it there in the beginning in the rocks, the atoms and the radiation decay of the elements formed?

No! And no scientist will say that it was.

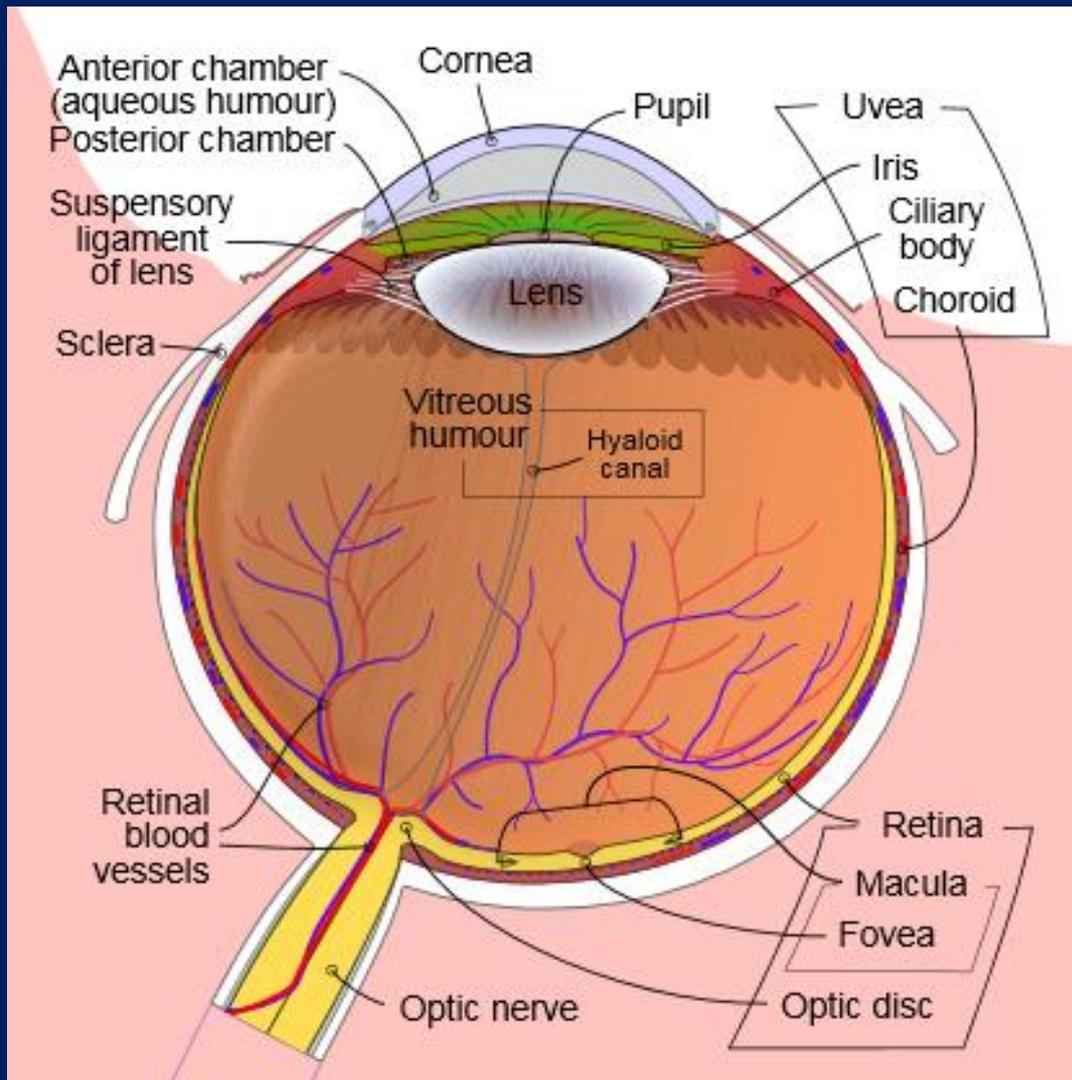
Evolutionists begin to philosophize about how long it will take artificial intelligence to come to a self-existent state like Hal in the movie 2001.

We have many such irreducibly complex systems illustrated in nature.

The clotting of blood is one of Behe's examples.

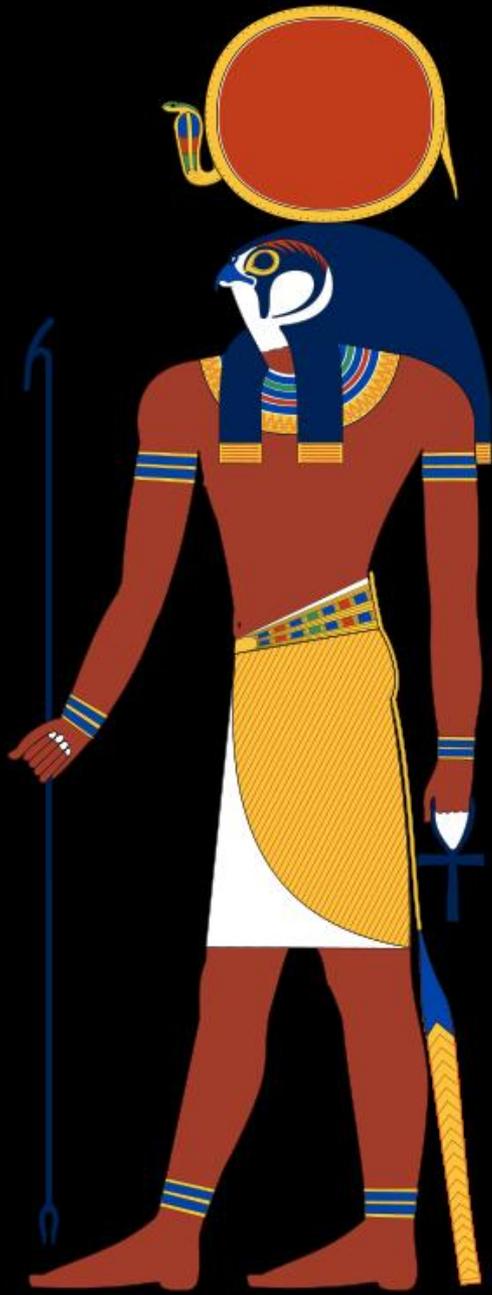


If any factor is missing, the blood doesn't clot. Factor VIII or IX cause hemophilia A and B.



Rom 1:19 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. (20) For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

When you look at the evidence in the Bible, you see pre-existing scientific knowledge throughout its pages – and you don't see any nonsense!



Consider the difference in the God of the Bible – “his eternal power and divine nature.”

Ra-Horakhty is a combined deity of Horus and Ra, and is usually depicted as a falcon-headed man wearing a sun disk on his head.

Ra is the ancient Egyptian sun god. By the Fifth Dynasty in the 25th and 24th centuries BC, he had become a major god in ancient Egyptian religion

What happens when our children go away to college and they are taught “Darwinian evolution” as a fact.

We cannot allow our children to assume that materialism and naturalism in their academic world is a real method for producing the information required for life! Their faith will leave them when they realize that a strictly materialistic process has no purpose or goal and that’s what their world will come to.

In virtually every denomination and in most churches of Christ, someone wants “the church to turn away from the old business of sin and salvation and devote its energies to whatever social causes are currently fashionable in the secular world.” – Phillip Johnson

Our religion is not just to bring about social cohesion or to comfort people about death.

Truth is revealed in God’s word! Heb 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Do not think that the question of evolution is about time. The length of the day in the Bible is not defined. But you now have evidence to clearly show that the time available is not sufficient.

Darwinian evolution is a theory about how nature, without the help of a supernatural creator, could accomplish the wonder we see around us. IT CAN'T

Some would say that God made the laws of nature and then retired to let them take place. -- That is not what the Bible says!

Gen 1:26-27 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." (27) So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Everywhere you look
*his invisible attributes, namely, his
eternal power and divine nature,
have been clearly perceived, ever
since the creation of the world, in the
things that have been made.*

God did not retire until his work of
creation was done!

Do not give up on reason.

There is no difference in believing in God using evolution to create life and life coming about without God.

There is evidence of a design and by definition, there must be a designer. The intellectual elite believe that God is dead which leads to the assumption that nature is all there is. Look at the brief evidence given previously and acknowledge that the complexity of life cannot be explained by chance.

You may never have thought about the consequences of ignoring the creator of heaven and earth – don't kid yourself.

Mat 24:42 Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

2Pe 3:11 Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, (12) waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn!

Act 22:16 And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.'